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Administration of Allowances
for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of

THE BLIND PERSONS ACT Chapter 38, Statutes of Canada, 1951 (First Session)

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FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1952

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To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1952, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to The Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1952.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1951-52

1. Outline of Plan

Blind persons in Canada have, since 1937, been eligible to receive pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act provided they could fulfil the requirements of the Act and the regulations made under it with regard to age, nationality (to 1947 only), residence and income. Originally pensions to blind persons were payable at the age of 40 years. By an amendment to the Act in 1947 the age was lowered to 21 years.

Extensive changes during 1951 in the legislation relating to old age pensions made it necessary to consider whether the blind should continue to be provided for under an act dealing principally with aged persons or under a separate act. The latter course was adopted and in June 1951, Parliament passed The Blind Persons Act, assented to June 30, 1951, and effective January 1, 1952. In the Act, monthly payments to blind persons are referred to as "allowances" instead of "pensions" as they were called under the Old Age Pensions Act. The age requirement is 21 years as it was in the Old Age Pensions Act. The residence requirement, however, is reduced from 20 to 10 years and the amounts of allowable income increased by \$120 a year. The maximum allowance to which the Government of Canada can contribute its share of 75 per cent is \$40 a month.

The plan for paying allowances to blind persons is similar to that which was adopted for paying pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act. The Blind Persons Act authorizes the Minister of National Health and Welfare, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to make, on behalf of the Government of Canada, an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with the Act and the regulations made under it, of amounts in respect of allowances paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, seventy-five per cent of forty dollars monthly or of the amount of the allowance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser. It will be seen from this provision of the Act that the provinces will be responsible for the actual payment of blind allowances and that the federal government's responsibility will be for reimbursement of seventy-five per cent of the cost of allowances as it was in the case of pensions granted to blind persons under the Old Age Pensions Act.

Late in 1951 the Provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia passed separate acts providing for the payment of allowances for blind persons. An ordinance passed by the Northwest Territories Council made similar provision. Early in 1952, the other four provinces, namely, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta, passed new acts effective from January 1, 1952. The Yukon Territory passed a new ordinance later in the year, effective from April 1, 1952.

As at December 31, 1951, there were 11,335 blind persons over the age of 21 years receiving pensions in respect of blindness under the Old Age Pensions Act. This number represents a substantial proportion of the total known blind in Canada. Information made available by The Canadian National Institute for the Blind shows that that organization had on its register of blind persons as of November 30, 1951, a total of 19,076 distributed in age groups as follows:

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Undoubtedly there are numerous blind persons who, for one reason or another, are not on the register of The Canadian National Institute for the Blind or of any similar organization. It may safely be assumed, however, that the great majority are known to The Canadian National Institute for the Blind and are recorded on their register. Of the total number who could meet the age requirement of 21 years (approximately 17,928 according to The Canadian National Institute for the Blind register) there were 11,335, or 63 per cent, receiving pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act as at December 31, 1951.

As in the case of sighted old age pensioners over the age of 70 years, blind pensioners over that age, 3,212 in number, were transferred to the administration of The Old Age Security Act as of December 31, 1951. The number in each

province was as follows:

Alberta	127
British Columbia	259
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	303
Newfoundland	000
	287
	907
	47
Quebec.	
1	157
Northwest Territories	-
Yukon Territory	_

Those under the age of 70 years (8,123 in number) were taken over by the provincial authorities as recipients of allowances under The Blind Persons Act. The number of recipients under the Act as of March 31, 1952, was 8,079.

In the sections which follow further details are given regarding the agreements made by Canada with the provinces and the Northwest Territories under the provisions of The Blind Persons Act along with statistics for the fiscal year 1951-52.

2. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

By March 31, 1952, or shortly thereafter, the Government of Canada had entered into agreements, effective January 1, 1952, with all ten provinces and the Northwest Territories. The Yukon Territory did not make an agreement during the fiscal year, the ordinance providing for allowances being effective from April 1, 1952. Under the authority of section 13(2) of The Blind Persons Act, payment of pensions, granted to two blind persons in the Yukon Territory under the Old Age Pensions Act, was continued after December 31, 1951.

By the provisions of The Blind Persons Act, the provinces are free, within certain over-all limits, to decide the maximum allowance and the maximum amounts of allowable income to be specified in their agreements. All agreements provide for the payment of a maximum allowance of \$480 a year, which is the maximum amount to which the Government of Canada may, under the provisions of The Blind Persons Act, contribute its share of seventy-five per cent. The maximum yearly amounts of allowable income provided for in the agree-

ments are the amounts specified in The Blind Persons Act. The amounts set forth in the Act are \$840 for an unmarried person without a dependent child or children and \$1,040 for an unmarried person with a dependent child or children. For the purpose of the Act the expression "unmarried person" includes a widow, a widower, a divorced person and a married person who, in the opinion of the provincial authority, is living separate and apart from his spouse. In the case of married persons, the amounts are \$1,320 where the spouse is sighted and \$1,440 where the spouse is blind.

Administration—Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the financial part of the federal administration of allowances and the Blindness Control Division, for the medical part. The latter Division arranges for oculists at different points in Canada to make medical examinations of persons applying for or in receipt of blind allowances. Oculists' fees for the fiscal year 1951-52 amounted to \$15,249.51 and their travelling expenses were \$1,580.83. In addition there were travelling expenses of \$643.70 in connection with medical examinations made in Newfoundland by the Chief of the Blindness Control Division.

The examination of provincial records is made in the provinces by resident examiners working under the supervision of the Old Age Assistance Division. The resident examiners are stationed at Halifax, Fredericton, Quebec, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Vancouver. Monthly payments to the provinces are made by the staff at Ottawa.

4. Administration—Provincial

The Blind Persons Act requires the appointment by a province of a "provincial authority" defined in the Act as "the officer or body charged with the administration of the provincial law". The expression "provincial law" means a law of a province that provides for the payment of blind persons allowances to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Act and the regulations, and that authorizes the province to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada in accordance with the Act.

The following is a list of the departments of provincial governments under which blind allowances are administered with the names of the ministers, deputy ministers and other senior officials; also the names and addresses of the provincial authorities and the chief officers in charge of the administration as of March 31, 1952:

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable W. W. Cross, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable A. D. Turnbull, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable Ivan Schultz, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—M. R. Elliott, Deputy Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Chief Officer-L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

DROWNICK—Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable F. A. McGrand, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Chief Medical Officer—J. A. Melanson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F. W. Rowe, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Harold Connolly, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Acting Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—Ian Campbell, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. J. Trainor, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Acting Director of Blind Persons Allowance,

Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina. Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation. Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation. Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina. Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Department—Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa. Commissioner—H. A. Young, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Provincial Authority—G. E. B. Sinclair, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.

5. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Interprovincial Board appointed by the Governor in Council under the Old Age Pensions Act met in Ottawa shortly after The Blind Persons Act was passed by Parliament for the purpose of drafting regulations under that Act and The Old Age Assistance Act. Following the meeting, the regulations in draft form were referred to the provinces for further consideration and comment. When agreement was reached, both sets of regulations were submitted to the Governor in Council for approval. The Blind Persons Regulations were approved by Order in Council P.C. 6595, dated December 6, 1951.

The Advisory Board, provided for by The Blind Persons Act, had not been appointed as of March 31, 1952, as all provinces had not named their representatives.

6. Financial and Statistical Summary-January 1 to March 31, 1952

TABLE I RECIPIENTS OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

NUMBER

Nova Scotia	735 734 734
Newfoundland	311 318 321
New Brunswick	780 784 783
Manitoba	403 404 401
British Columbia	425 424 426
Alberta	380 378 376
	As at—January 31, 1952. February 29, 1952. March 31, 1962.

AVERAGE MONTHLY PAYMENT

\$38.71 38.77 38.69
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\$39,47 39,37 39,37
\$38.70 39.29 39.25
\$39.02 38.90 38.89
As at—January 31, 1952. February 29, 1952. March 31, 1952.

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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Financial and Statistical Summary-January 1 to March 31, 1952-Concluded 6.

TABLE I

RECIPIENTS OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

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-	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
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	As at—January 31, 1952. February 29, 1952. March 31, 1952.

FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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\$2,173.39 2,173.39 2,113.39	6,460.17	\$6,460.17
\$ 46,949.73 47,341.42 48,693.26	142,984.41	\$142,984.41
For—January, 1952. February, 1952. March, 1952.	Fiscal Year 1951-1952.	From inception of Act to March 31, 1952

7. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS JANUARY 1-MARCH 31, 1952

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Total
Total	15	18	6	14	14	7	77		93	8		252
MaleFemale	7 8	10	6	10 4	7 7	4 3	29 48		42 51	6 2		121 131
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	prove age									1			1
3.	Too much income	1	2		2	2	1	19		23	1		51
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11.	Old Age Security	1	2						1				4
12.	Unable to meet blind test								1				112
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APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS FISCAL YEAR 1952-1953

1. Continuation of Aid for Blind under New Act

From 1937, when provision was made under the Old Age Pensions Act for the payment of pensions to blind persons, to December 31, 1951, when regular payments under that Act ceased, there had been a gradual but steady increase in the number of blind persons receiving pensions. The increase was higher following an amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act in 1947. This amendment lowered the age at which a blind person could qualify for pension from 40 to 21 years. The actual number of blind pensioners under the Old Age Pensions Act at the end of each fiscal year and at December 31, 1951, was as follows:

1937 – 38	1.946	1945—46	6,945
1938 – 39	4,512	1946 -47	7,311
1939—40	5,404	1947—48	8,476
1940—41	5,913	1948—49	9,567
1941—42	6,243	1949—50	10,517
1942—43	6,374	1950—51	11,198
1943—44	6,374	December 31, 1951	11,335
1944—45	6,663		

When the Old Age Security Act came into operation on January 1, 1952, blind pensioners under the Old Age Pensions Act over the age of 70 years, numbering 3,212, were transferred to the administration of the new Act. The remaining 8,123 were taken over by the provinces as recipients of allowances under The Blind Persons Act. The number of recipients actually decreased between January 1 and March 31, 1952, being 8,079 at the close of the fiscal year 1951-52. As at March 31, 1953, there were 8,332 persons receiving allowances under the Act.

The relatively small increase in the number of blind persons receiving allowances is explained largely by the transfer of recipients to the administration of old age security. During the fiscal year 1952-53 there were 446 such transfers. In view of the fact that many recipients of blind allowances are in the older age groups it may be expected that each year, a considerable number will reach the age of 70. The transfer of these cases to old age security will have the effect of keeping down the number of blind receiving financial aid under The Blind Persons Act.

2. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Agreements completed by the federal government with the ten provinces and the North West Territories in 1952, continued in operation during the fiscal year 1952-53. The Blind Persons Act does not provide that a province may, in its agreement, specify the minimum age of a recipient or any other conditions of eligibility set forth in the provincial law as is the case with The Old Age Assistance Act. The province may, however, decide the maximum allowance it will pay and also the maximum amounts of income it will allow. The agreements provide for the payment of a maximum allowance of \$40 a month and for the amounts of maximum income set forth in the Act.

An agreement between the federal government and the Yukon Territory, completed early in 1953, was substantially the same as other agreements under The Blind Persons Act except as regards the effective date which was April 1, 1952. The date on which all other agreements came into force was January 1, 1952.

3. Administration—Federal

The procedure followed in the federal administration of pensions in respect of blindness under the Old Age Pensions Act has been continued with allowances under The Blind Persons Act, the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare assuming responsibility for the medical examination of applicants. During the fiscal year 1952-53, the federal government paid oculists' fees amounting to \$16,045 and travelling expenses of oculists amounting to \$2,562.35.

The Old Age Assistance Division examines the decisions of provincial authorities granting allowances or making changes subsequent to the grant. The examinations are made by resident examiners stationed in the provinces. Provincial accounts are checked in Ottawa, the provincial authorities providing copies of their accounting records each month.

4. Administration—Provincial

The provincial authorities, appointed to administer allowances for blind persons at the time the agreements were made, continued to carry out this responsibility during the fiscal year 1952-53. The provincial authorities deal with all applications and authorize payment of allowances.

The following is a list of provincial officials responsible for the administration of allowances for blind persons:

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Old Age Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA---

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable F. C. Bell, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons'
Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Chief Medical Officer—J. A. McIanson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

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Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable Harold Connolly, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable A. W. Matheson, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.
Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.
Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina.
Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Department—Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.

Commissioner—H. A. Young, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no changes during the fiscal year 1952-53 in the regulations made under The Blind Persons Act prior to January 1, 1952, the date on which the Act came into force. The Advisory Board did not meet during the year.

6. Supplementary Report on Pensions for Blind Persons (Old Age Pensions Act)

As at March 31, 1952, the federal government's contributions for pensions in respect of blindness from the inception of the amendment to the Old Age Pensions Act in 1937, totalled \$25,927,726.07. Federal contributions on account of payments made by the provinces exceeded refunds received from the provinces during the fiscal year 1952-53, increasing this amount to \$25,928,454.75.

The total federal payments to each province under the Old Age Pensions Act on account of pensions for blind persons as at March 31, 1953 were as follows:

Alberta	\$1,013,741.42
British Columbia	1,407,732.12
Manitoba	1,355,939.92
New Brunswick	2,711,019.67
Newfoundland	239,063.51
Nova Scotia	2,371,242.06
Ontario	5,848,450.01
Prince Edward Island	332,532.89
Quebec	9,403,658.38
Saskatchewan	1,240,934.77
Northwest Territories	2,640.00
Yukon Territory	1,500.00
Total	\$25,928,454.75
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7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1953

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	Manitoba Newnoundland Brunswick Newfoundland	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
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Average monthly nayment	38 31	39 19	39 24	39 55	38 88	38 54
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1952—March 31,	133,821 88	162,910 06	153,548 81	273,940 64	117,936 51	253,717 72
Federal Government's contributions from inception of The Bland Persons Act.	167,588 47	200,737 23	189,497 68	343, 126 62	146,174 00	317,917 05

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8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1952-53

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April 1, 1952-March 31, 1953 From _inception of	26	20	36	40	13	32	114	2	147	16		
The Blind Persons	33	27	42	46	14	38	133	2	186	17		

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

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of Canada, 1952

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1954





To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1954, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Ottawa, April 30, 1954.

The Honourable Paul Martin,
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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Оттама, April 30, 1954.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1953-1954

1. Operations during the fiscal year

During the fiscal year 1953-54, allowances for blind persons were paid in the ten provinces, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. The number of new applications approved was 918. The number not completed or declined was 938. Of this number 706 were cases where the applicants failed to meet the medical test for blindness. The number of recipients transferred to federal old age security was 411. Federal expenditure for the fiscal year was \$2,914,102.07 and the number of recipients as at March 31, 1954, was 8,214.

The number of recipients decreased during the fiscal year, the number as at March 31, 1953, being 8,332. The decrease of 118 is partly explained by transfers to old age security. Other factors were the suspension of allowance payments for various reasons and cancellations due to death.

While most suspensions are due to excess income or to medical examinations subsequent to the grant of allowance, in a number of cases payments are discontinued following medical treatment. Some time ago the federal government inaugurated a treatment scheme under which it shares the cost of treatment in selected cases with any province that wishes to participate. During the fiscal year 1953-54, there were 43 cases dealt with under the treatment scheme of which 35were successful. As at March 31, 1954, eight provinces were either participating or had indicated their willingness to take part in the scheme.

2. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by the Government of Canada with the governments of the ten provinces and the two territories continued in operation during the fiscal year 1953-54. All agreements provide for the payment of a maximum allowance of \$480 a year and for the maximum amounts of income, including the allowance, specified in the Blind Persons Act.

3. Administration—Federal

Federal examiners in the provinces review decisions made by provincial authorities dealing with the granting and paying of blindness allowances. Provincial accounts are checked in Ottawa.

The Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for medical examinations. The examinations are made by oculists in the provinces who furnish medical reports to the Chief of the Blindness Control Division. The federal government pays the cost of medical examinations and, under certain circumstances, the travelling expenses of oculists. During the fiscal year oculists' fees amounted to \$12,700 and travelling expenses to \$3,023.90.

4. Administration—Provincial

The provincial authorities deal with applications for blindness allowances and make the monthly payments to recipients. An allowance cannot be granted, however, until the Chief of the Blindness Control Division has certified that the applicant is blind within the meaning of the Blind Persons Act.

The following is a list of provincial officials responsible for the administration of allowances for blind persons with the names of the provincial authorities.

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton. Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—A. C. McCully, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria. Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. W. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

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Minister—Honourable F. C. Bell, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.
Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons'

Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton. Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Chief Medical Officer—J. A. Melanson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

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Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown. Minister—Honourable B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth. Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

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Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Social Welfare Board, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

5. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Advisory Board, at its meeting on January 25th and 26th, recommended a number of changes in the Blind Persons Regulations. No amendments to the regulations had been made at March 31, 1954.

6. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1954

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
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	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	400	488	T T	731	336	718
	s ets.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ ets.
Average monthly payment.	38 57	39 20	38 92	39 49	39 49	38 35
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1953—March 31, 1954.	135,585 97	174,964 30	148,244 15	263,725 96	121,952 16	250,566 53
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	303,174 44	375,701 53	337,741 83	606,852 58	268, 126 16	568,483 58

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
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Number of recipients	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	5	8,214
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Average monthly payment	38 70	37 12	98 88	. 38 73	39 23	40 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1953—March 31, 1954	602,041 45	28,126 12	1,057,841 80	125,796 13	4,537 50	720 00	2,914,102 07
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	1,377,354 69	61,266 83	2,433,923 82	280,155 35	6,367 50	1,620 00	6,620,768 31
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act		61,266 83	ļ	280,155 35	6,367 50		1,620 00

7. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1953-54

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	A	lta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Ý.Т.	Total
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Own homes Rented houses or apts Children—relative Rented rooms Public institutions Private institution	8.	19 11 8 20 4	23 11 11 7 1	14 3 16 1 1 1	3 31	22 3 12 2	28 1 26 5 2 6	57 19 81 40 4 3	3 1 43 1	83 60 110 41 2 19	17 8 45 3 1			286 120 345 117 19 31
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APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

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NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

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April 1, 1953–March 31, 1954	14	32	35	31	18	28	93	3	140	17			41
the Blind Persons		59	77	77	32	66	226	- 5	326	34			94

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tota
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8. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Total	\$ ots.	721,449 24	2,985,217 00	242,707 75	244,723 32	245,267 15	244,308 64	242,472 50	244,876 91	242,568 58	241,684 12	241,092 90	243,505 43	239,938 34	240,956 43
Yukon Territory	\$ cts.	180 00	720 00	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09	00 09
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Quebec	s cts.	271,902 08	1,104,179 94	89, 163 52	90,116 30	89, 476 67	89,828 35	88, 650 56	88,670 08	87,388 28	86,861 00	86,651 30	88,318 32	85,318 52	87,365 90
Prince Edward Island	\$ cts.	6,460 17	26,680 54	2,241 30	2,168 59	2,229 60	2,290 84	2,298 34	2,373 34	2,382 68	2,443 43	2,501 18	2,475 64	2, 485 73	2,235 45
Ontario	\$ cts.	142,984 41	632, 328 83	48,994 30	50,791 13	51,402 24	50,295 87	50,091 08	50, 42.1 96	50,317 40	50, 130 43	19,286 97	50, 475 04	49,752 32	50,076 70
Nova	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	21, 161 67	20,924 74	20,981 76	20,962 09	20,675 62	20,770 09	20,914 16	20,873 66	20,959 16	21,016 68	20,752 83	20, 574 07
New- foundland	s cts.	28,237 49	117,936 51	9,969 89	9,736 32	10, 199 69	10,338 92	10,240 49	10,211 69	10,951 31	10,149 87	9,995 80	10,247 76	9,973 19	9,937 23
New Brunswick	s cts.	69, 185, 98	273,940 64	22,333 31	21,961 09	22,276 13	22, 332 85	22,140 12	21,923 29	21,298 60	22,417 97	21,982 37	21,689 08	21,815 23	21,555 92
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British	s cts.	37,827 17	162,910 06	15,013 52	14, 735 57	14,654 42	14,508 80	14,678 03	14,567 60	14,567 12	14,531 53	15,094 70	14,490 60	14,575 64	13,546 77
Alberta	\$ cts.	33,766 59	133, 821 88	11,108 62	10,960 34	11, 125 42	11, 173 75	11,117 25	11,551 44	11,411 04	11,303 04	11, 412 17	11,277 73	11,246 57	11,898 60
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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

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Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT Chapter 17, Revised Statutes



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1955

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1955, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Оттаwa, April 30, 1955.



The Honourable Paul Martin,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Оттаwa, April 30, 1955.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS FISCAL YEAR 1954-55

1. Operations during the fiscal year

Allowances for blind persons were paid in all provinces and in the two territories throughout the fiscal year 1954-55. New applications approved during the year numbered 849. The number not completed or declined was 775. Applicants who failed to meet the medical test for blindness numbered 552. There were 126 whose income made them ineligible and 15 who refused to furnish information required by the provincial authority. Of the remaining 82 there were 12 receiving old age assistance, old age security or war veterans allowance. The number of recipients under the Blind Persons Act transferred to old age security during the year was 414. Federal expenditure from April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955, was \$2,886,184.15.

For the second year in succession there was a small decrease in the number of recipients and in the federal expenditure. The reduction was mostly due to transfers to old age security but there were 44 blind recipients who ceased to be eligible to receive allowances following medical treatment under a federal-provincial treatment scheme. A total of 53 recipients received medical attention under the scheme during the fiscal year.

The following is a comparative summary of the operations during the fiscal years 1953-54 and 1954-55:

ars 1955-54 and 1954-55;	3-54 1954-55
1958	5-04
Applications approved 91	8 849
Applications not completed or declined. 93	8 775
Recipients qualifying for old age security 41	1 414
Number of recipients at end of fiscal year	4 8,122
Federal payments to provinces for year. \$2,9	\$2,886,184.15

2. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made at the time the Blind Persons Act came into force continued in operation throughout the fiscal year 1954-55. The agreement with British Columbia was amended to clarify the procedure followed by the province in connection with several items of income which, under the regulations, may be included or excluded according to the wishes of the province as specified in the agreement.

Under the terms of all agreements the maximum allowance payable is \$480 a year. The amounts of maximum income allowed are those specified in the Blind Persons Act as at March 31, 1955.

3. Amendments to the Act

The Speech from the Throne on January 7, 1955, contained the following reference to the Blind Persons Act—

"You will also be asked to consider amendments to the Blind Persons Act, to lower the age of eligibility and raise the income ceilings."

Notice of a Resolution was given on February 4, 1955. It read as follows:

"Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Blind Persons Act to lower the age for eligible recipients from twenty-one years to eighteen years, and also to increase the maximum annual incomes allowed to recipients."

The Bill was not introduced in the House of Commons by the Minister of National Health and Welfare until after the close of the fiscal year 1954-55.

4. Administration—Federal

The medical part of federal administration comes under the Chief of the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department. The decision as to whether an applicant meets the test for blindness is made on information obtained from an examining oculist in the province. In addition to paying the cost of medical examinations the federal government, under certain circumstances, pays the travelling expenses of the oculists. During the fiscal year 1954-55, oculists' fees amounted to \$11,319.00 and travelling expenses to \$2,961.00.

Federal auditing procedures continued as in previous years with federal examiners stationed in the provinces and a staff at Ottawa. The actual decisions of the provincial authorities are examined in the provinces.

5. Administration—Provincial

The provincial authority in each province deals with applications for allowances and with the payment of allowances. The names of the provincial authorities and senior officials are shown in the following list of departments of provincial governments under which blindness allowances are administered—

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—C. W. Lundy, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—J. H. Creighton, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Manitoba—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

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Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Chief Welfare Officer—D. A. Stewart, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable H. L. Pottle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Geoffrey Stevens, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable W. A. Goodfellow, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable B. Earle MacDonald, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Provincial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—W. G. Brown, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Provincial Authority—W. A. Wardrop, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Advisory Board, at its meetings in Ottawa on January 25th and 26th and September 20th and 21st, 1954, recommended a number of changes in the regulations under the Blind Persons Act. These changes were briefly as follows,—

- 1. The provincial authority is allowed an additional two months for investigating an application from a person living in an inaccessible area.
- 2. The provincial authority is required to make annual investigations in all cases where an allowance is suspended on account of an overpayment.

- 3. The provincial authority is required to make a terminal investigation not more than three months prior to the date of the transfer of a recipient to old age security.
- 4. Where an applicant claims that he is unable to furnish a certificate of birth or baptism, the provincial authority must satisfy itself that such certificates are not obtainable.
- 5. Tribunals appointed under the authority of the regulations to decide upon the age of applicants for whom satisfactory documentary evidence is not obtainable must consist of disinterested persons and must see and interview the applicants. The decisions of tribunals are final but only when the procedure required by the regulations has been followed.
- Persons temporarily absent from Canada under certain specified conditions may be deemed to have been present in Canada during such absence as well as being deemed to have resided in Canada.
- 7. Two additional groups of persons coming under item 6 are included—persons under 21 who were absent with a parent under any of the conditions specified in the regulations and persons temporarily absent from Canada who were unable to return to Canada on account of the dislocation of transportation during or immediately following the second world war.
- 8. The provincial authority is required to take into account in calculating income for the purpose of paying a blindness allowance any amount paid as an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act.
- 9. If so provided in the agreement made by a province with Canada, the provincial authority may, in calculating income for the purpose of paying a blindness allowance, disregard any amount paid by the province as supplemental allowance on account of a disabled persons allowance; also the income value as calculated under the regulations from any amount up to \$500 of the amount of the cash surrender value of life insurance available to the recipient or his spouse.
- 10. The income calculations on real and personal property are based on the amounts of property owned at the date of the proposed commencement of allowance rather than on the amounts owned at the date of application.
- 11. Where the recipient is receiving board or lodging or board and lodging for a nominal amount, the provincial authority may deduct from the amounts specified in the regulations, such nominal amount if satisfied that it is actually being paid.
- 12. Where a transfer of property is considered by the provincial authority to have been made for the purpose of qualifying the recipient or his spouse for an allowance or for a higher amount of allowance, the income value of the property to be included in the income calculation is based on the value of the property as at the date of the proposed commencement of the allowance rather than at the date of application.
- 13. Where there is an exchange of real property not wholly for cash, the face value of any mortgage receivable or agreement for sale and the income therefrom may be offset by the face value of any mortgage or agreement for sale and the interest payable thereon but the provincial authority must take into account any excess value or income receivable by the recipient.

- 14. The provincial authority may give retroactive effect to its decision granting allowance for any period up to four months instead of three months, provided the applicant is not responsible for the delay in granting allowance.
- 15. Where the allowance is suspended at the request of the recipient, a request for reinstatement as required by the regulations may be made either by the recipient or by some person on his behalf.
- 16. The provincial authority may reinstate an allowance from a date not more than one month prior to the release of a recipient from jail where such recipient has served a sentence in excess of 30 days.

The amended regulations were brought into operation as of January 1, 1955, by Order in Council P.C. 1955-49 dated January 13, 1955 and published in the Canada Gazette of January 26, 1955. The Order in Council also revoked as of January 1, 1955, the regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 6595 of December 6, 1951.

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1955

	Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
			Act (Federal)	Act (Federal) operative as from	n	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	409	474	405	902	333	902
	s ets.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	38 59	39 02	39 13	39 49	39 70	38 57
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1954—March 31, 1955	140,148 69	170,795 84	145,013 60	256,747 58	119,969 98	247,787 65
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	443,323 13	546,497 37	482,755 43	863,600 16	388,096 14	816,271 23
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	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
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8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1954-55

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	43	51	43	54	28	49	235	8	276	57	4	1	849
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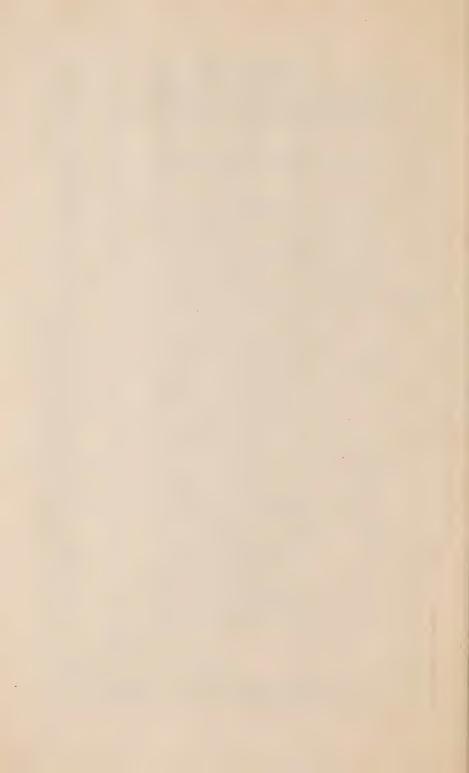
9. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

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Fiscal Year	Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
951-52	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	H	ଦା	8,079
.952-53	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342	11	5	8,332
.953–54	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	63	8,214
1954–55.	409	474	405	200	338	200	1,731	95	2,866	374	16	63	8, 122

10. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Total	s cts.	721,449 24	2,985,217 00	2,914,102 07		241,873 13	242, 149 18	242,618 68	241,581 16	241,380 43	240,689 20	238, 906 43	239, 494 07	238, 460 65	239, 545 63	240, 791 67	238,731 42	2,886,221 65	150 00	112 50*	2,886,184 15
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Saskat- chewan	s cts.	30,667 15	123,692 07	125,796 13		11,608 29	11,511 90	10,920 20	11,094 21	10,994 50	10,955 46	11,055 83	11,091 56	10,982 17	10,235 92	11,060 50	11, 173 15	132,683 69	24 00	40 50*	132,670 19
Quebec	\$ cts.	271,902 08	1,104,179 94	1,057,841 80		85,885 60	87,262 13	86,681 73	86,013 38	86,564 18	86, 406 23	85,456 96	84,663 95	83,288 76	85,950 36	84,873 18	85,706 42	1,028,752 88	10 00	7 50*	30,516 06 1,028,750 38
Prince Edward Island	\$ cts.	6,460 17	26,680 54	28,126 12		2,419 31	2,448 83	2,420 62	2,396 89	2,572 99	2,546 74	2,572 99	2,650 16	2,680 16	2,615 06	2,657 32	2,534 99	30,516 06			30,516 06
Ontario	\$ cts.	142,984 41	632, 328 83	602,041 45		50,780 20	50,366 98	50,791 70	51,405 00	50,677 63	50, 427 98	50,329 69	50,633 03	51,286 50	50,396 77	50,861 11	49,752 59	607,709 18			607,709 18
Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	250,566 53		20,651 92	20,515 39	20,482 88	20,695 05	20,913 83	20,851 84	20,780 84	20,685 96	20,510 40	20,585 78	20,613 34	20,512 92	247,800 15	50 00	37 50*	247,787 65
New- foundland	s cts.	28,237 49	117,936 51	121,952 16		9,867 73	9,844 62	9,892 05	10,085 54	9,699 25	9,886 42	9,798 30	9,729 30	10,241 92	10,206 97	10,509 63	10,205 25	119,969 98			119,969 98
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	69,185 98	273,940 64	263,725 96		21,617 35	21,593 89	22, 192 26	21,330 83	21,562 26	21,125 26	20,971 54	21,713 10	21,110 10	21,063 79	21,747 34	20,719 86	256,747 58			256,717.58
Manitoba	\$ cts.	35,948 87	153,548 81	148,244 15		12,446 06	12,288 44	12,252 04	11,799 53	11,938 76	12,110 36	12,213 94	12,062 63	11,980 93	12,011 74	11,951 30	11,957 87	145,013 60			145,013 60
British	s cts.	37,827 17	162,910 06	174,964 30		14,789 78	14,086 32	14,493 85	14,511 92	14,346 36	14, 174 44	13,941 52	14,348 36	14,069 37	14,115 58	14,018 01	13,909 33	170,804 84	36 00	27 00*	170,795 84
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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth 1I, Chapter 26 (1955)



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1956



To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1956, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL MARTIN,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Ottawa, April 30, 1956.



The Honourable Paul Martin,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1956, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1956.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons were paid during the fiscal year 1955-56 by the ten provinces and the two territories. As at March 31, 1956, the number of recipients was 8,230. Federal payments to the provinces and the territories amounted to \$2,918,494.13.

During the fiscal year the provincial and territorial authorities dealt with 1,492 new applications. Of this number 883 were approved and 609 were either not completed or declined. In the same period 318 recipients of blindness allowances attained the age of seventy years and became federal pensioners under the Old Age Security Act.

From January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1956, federal payments to the provinces have totalled \$12,425,446.59. In the same period 1,681 recipients were granted federal old age pensions.

The following is a comparative summary of the operations under the Act for the last three fiscal years:

	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
Applications approved	918	849	883
Applications not com- pleted or declined	938	775	609
Recipients qualifying for old age security	411	414	318
Number of recipients at end of fiscal			
year	8,214	8,122	8,230
Federal payments to provinces for year	\$2,914,102 07	\$2,886,184 15	\$2,918,494 13

Under a federal-provincial medical treatment plan 83 recipients of blindness allowances were given treatment during the fiscal year 1955-56. In 62 cases the treatment was successful.

2. Amendments to the Act

In the House of Commons on April 18, 1955, the Minister of National Health and Welfare moved that the House go into committee to consider the following resolution—

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Blind Persons Act to lower the age for eligible recipients from twenty-one years to eighteen years, and also to increase the maximum annual incomes allowed to recipients.

Following a debate on that date, the resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in. Thereupon the Minister of Finance, for the

Minister of National Health and Welfare, moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 350, to amend the Blind Persons Act. The motion was agreed to and the Bill read the first time.

On June 14, 1955, the House of Commons passed the Bill after a short debate on the same date. In the Senate, the Bill was read the first time on June 15, 1955. It was passed by the Senate on June 27, 1955. The date of the Royal Assent was June 28, 1955. The Act to amend the Blind Persons Act being Chapter 26 of the Statutes of Canada, 1955, came into force on the date of the assent.

The Act provides as follows—

- 1. (1) Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the Blind Persons Act, chapter 17 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - "(ii) has attained the age of eighteen years, and"
- (2) Subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said Act are repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - "(i) an unmarried person, without a dependent child or children and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than nine hundred and sixty dollars a year, or
 - (ii) an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than eleven hundred and sixty dollars a year, or
 - (iii) married and living with his spouse and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than fifteen hundred and sixty dollars a year, or
 - (iv) married and living with his spouse who is blind and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than sixteen hundred and eighty dollars a year."
- 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of section 7 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - "(ii) that where a recipient, during the last ten hundred and ninety-five days that he was present in Canada prior to reaching the age of eighteen years, or prior to making application for the allowance, whichever is the later, was present in the province for a greater number of days than in any other province, the province will reimburse any other province that is paying the allowance to the extent of twenty-five per cent of the amount of the allowance;"

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The Blind Persons Regulations provide that an agreement with a province may, at the request of the province, stipulate that all or any of a number of items specified in the regulations shall not be included in the calculation of the income of a recipient. By amendments to the regulations that came into force on January 1, 1955, two items were added, namely, cost of living allowances or supplemental allowances paid by any province to any person in receipt of an allowance under the Disabled Persons Act and the income calculated on the cash surrender value of life insurance up to \$500 available to a recipient or his spouse.

In order to give effect to the amendments it was necessary for the provinces and the territories to enter into supplementary agreements with Canada amending the agreements previously completed.

The amendments to the Blind Persons Act lowering the age requirement from twenty-one to eighteen years and increasing the amounts of maximum income allowed made it necessary for amendments to be made to the agreements between Canada and the provinces previously completed in accordance with the provisions of the Act. These were incorporated in the supplemental agreements dealing with the amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations.

There were no other changes in the main agreements, all of which continued in force throughout the fiscal year 1955-56.

4. Administration—Federal

Allowances for blind persons are administered and paid by the provinces which are entitled by agreement to recover from the federal government seventy-five per cent of amounts paid to the persons and under the conditions specified in the federal Act and regulations. In order to establish the amounts owed to the provinces the federal administration includes a continuous examination of provincial decisions and an audit of provincial accounts. Both come under the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Federal authorities are responsible for the medical examination of applicants. This part of federal administration comes under the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department. During the fiscal year 1955-56 the cost of medical examinations paid for by the federal government was \$11,112.50. Travelling expenses in connection with the examinations amounted to \$3,190.75.

5. Administration—Provincial

In each province the provincial government has appointed a provincial authority responsible for receiving and investigating applications and for granting and paying allowances. The following is a list of the provincial authorities, the Departments under which they operate and the names of senior officials as at March 31, 1956:

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Manitoba—

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons'

Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable F. W. Rowe, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister—Honourable J. Clyde Nunn, Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Forrest W. Phillips, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec,

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable John H. Sturdy, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Department—Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—W. D. Robertson, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Advisory Board appointed under the authority of the Blind Persons Act did not meet during the fiscal year 1955-56. The regulations that came into operation on January 1, 1955, continued in force throughout the fiscal year being amended only for the purpose of bringing them into conformity with the Blind Persons Act as amended. The amendments, effective June 28, 1955, consisted of changes in the references to age and were made by Order in Council P.C. 1955-1507 of October 7, 1955.

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1956

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	Manitoba New Brunswick Newfoundland	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
			Act (Federal)	Act (Federal) operative as from	1	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	415	475	411	717	353	726
	s cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	s cts.	s cts.	s ets.
Average monthly payment	38 54	39 52	39 60	39 50	39 62	39 55
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1955—March 31, 1956.	145, 706 99	166,771 68	145,547 11	258, 432 17	126,037 93	254,603 63
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	589,030 12	713, 269 05	628, 302 54	1,122,032 33	514,134 07	1,070,874 86

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,719	96	2,905	389	100	9	8,230
	s cts.	s ets.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	39 35	37 52	39 44	38 84	40 00	40 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1955-March 31, 1956	609,974 15	32,279 27	1,036,242 60	135,218 60	6,330 00	1,350 00	2,918,494 13
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	2,595,038 02	124,062 16	124,062 16 4,498,916 80	548,044 14	17,872 50	3,870 00	12, 425, 446 59

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1955-56

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	64	56	40	70	40	69	206	5	281	46	2	4	883
Male Female	35 29	30 26	18 22	32 38	22 18	36 33	93 113	3 2	141 140	20 26	1 1	3	434 449
Married	27 27 6 4	21 22 2 4 7	19 14 3 4	20 40 2 4 4	21 16 2 1	23 35 2 6 3	75 79 7 23 20 2	3 1	123 119 8 23 8	27 13 2 4	1 1	1 1 1	361 368 26 75 51 2
Age 18–21. 22–30. 31–40. 41–50. 51–60. 61–69. Over 70.	7 9 10 11 14 13	10 7 4 6 11 18	3 6 3 6 14 8	23 10 8 8 12 9	9 3 5 4 11 8	20 7 6 11 14 11	26 14 21 22 64 59	1 1 2 1	61 35 23 29 74 57	4 5 4 9 12 9	2	1 1 2	163 97 85 108 232 193
In cities	23 24 11 6	28 5 11 12	8 4 15 13	19 17 1 33	10 3 27	8 23 33 5	92 90 8 16	1 2 2	124 29 109 19	9 6 2 29	1 1	1 2 1	323 206 219 135
Own homes Rented houses or apts Children—relatives. Rented rooms. Public institutions Private institutions.	21 5 27 7 4	10 14 23 9	12 2 24 2	16 11 34 6 2 1	20 4 12 3 1	19 8 37 1 4	58 17 73 37 19 2	1 1 2 1	72 44 115 24 26	22 3 14 3 3 1	1	3	255 109 363 90 61 5
Number receiving regular annual income from— Pension other than under Blind Persons Act	1	1 3	1 2	1 2	3	1 1 1 2	18 3 5	1	6 5 3	3	1		34 13 14

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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tism Census records alone	10	6	6 8	31 1	32	28 13	40 6	1	238	7			399 28
Old Bible records Other records	14	18		1 11	3	4	3 32	·····i	31	1 23	i	3	141
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APPLICATIONS DECLINED

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	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 18 Unable to prove age			. 2			2	. 4						15
Too much income	3	4	7	5	1	7	19	2	54				106
War veterans' allow- ance						1	3						4
Whereabouts un-known							2						2
Refused information		3	1	5		,1			2	3			18
Unable to meet blind test	10	3	15	59	14	23	42	. 3	196	23			388
Old age assistance	1						1		2				4
Old age security						3	1						4
Disabled persons allowance													1
Over 70 years	1								2	1			9

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Vithdrawn			.,	3	1	9	12		1 3	8 5			38 19

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
oril 1, 1955-March 31, 1956	28	25	. 14	27	14	14	72	3	103	18			318
om Inception of Blind Persons Act	94	117	121	134	57	109	384	11	575	79			1,681

RECIPIENTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single Married couples	28 8	26 8	18 4	38	15 3	34 7	68 21	1 2	109	285 161			624 252

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9. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951–52	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	60	-	6	8 070
1952-53.	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	7.0	3,041	349	-	2 0	0,010
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1954–55.	408	474	406	200	933	200	1,731	100	2,886	374	18	4 0	6,214
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10. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Northwest Yukon Total		200	450		# 00 # 00
Saskat- No	-	+ 00		- 46	188
Quebec	30	147	140	146	103
Prince Edward Island		CI	1 00	0.00	, cd
Ontario	19	411	66	98	72
Nova Scotia	9	32	90	29	14
New- foundland	9-4	13	100	11	₩.
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	54
Manitoba	9	36	38	30	794
British Columbia	2	20	32	33	25
Alberta	7	26	14	19	200
Fiscal Year	1951–52.	1952-53	1953-54.	1954-55	1955–56.

11. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Total	\$ cts.	721,449 24	2,985,217 00	2,914,102 07	2,886,184 15		239,480 14	240,201 45	239, 632 43	238,446 07	240,661 06	242,178 07	245, 424 17	249,299 40	244,881 26	247,242 94	247,419 85	244,979 02	2,919,845 86		1,802 31	450 58	2,918,494 13
Yukon Territory	s ets:	180 00	720 00	720 00	00 006		00 09	00 09	00 09	00 06	00 06	00 06	180 00	120 00	120 00	150 00	150 00	180 00	1,350 00				1,350 00
Northwest Territories	\$ cts.	00 06	1,740 00	4,537 50	5,175 00		480 00	480 00	480 00	240 00	270 00	240 00	540 00	240 00	540 00	240 00	540 00	240 00	6,330 00				6,330 00
Saskat-	s cts.	30,667 15	123,692 07	125,796 13	132,670 19		11,254 75	10,962 25	11,343 97	11,203 11	11,273 24	11,350 75	11,189 04	11,064 40	11,548 22	10,378 21	11,598 63	12,226 06	135,392 63		232 04	58 01	135,218 60
Quebec	s cts:	271,902 08	1,104,179 94	1,057,841 80	1,028,750 38	:	84,817 21	85,117 56	85,316 32	85,079 15	84,721 93	86,803 83	88,947 71	87,924 48	86,214 25	87,732 15	83,787 59	87,110 42	1,036,572 60		440 00	110 00	1,036,242 60
Prince Edward Island	\$ cts.	6,460 17	26,680 54	28, 126 12	30,516 06		2,686 31	2,652 56	2,600 06	2,836 31	2,645 66	2,688 18	2,649 64	2,694 86	2,667 98	2,727 98	2,727 98	2,701 75	32,279 27				32,279 27
Ontario	s cts.	142,984 41	632, 328 83	602,041 45	607,709 18		50,526 18	50,779 72	50,851 46	48,538 74	50,607 93	51,125 80	50,955 10	52,398 64	51,356 10	52,094 12	51,045 69	50,426 20	610,705 68		975 37	243 84	609,974 15
Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	250, 566 53	247,787 65		20, 427 83	20,804 73	20, 425 88	20,470 65	20,731 95	20,531 40	21,078 45	23,626 73	21,648 71	21,610 16	21,529 88	21,830 43	254,716 80		150 90	37 73	254,603 63
New- foundland	s cts.	28, 237 49	117,936 51	121,952 16	119,969 98		10,242 02	10,392 01	10,253 64	10,084 14	10,293 57	10,398 59	10,375 17	10,472 44	11,332 47	10,543 48	11,262 57	10,387 83	126,037 93		:		126,037 93
New Brunswick	s cts.	69, 185, 98	273,940 64	263,725 96	256,747 58		21,255 19	21,238 91	21,529 55	21,303 44	21,620 25	20,822 16	21,949 24	22,067 96	21,468 49	22,270 46	21,675 34	21,231 18	258, 432 17				258, 432 17
Manitoba	\$ cts.	35,948 87	153,548 81	148, 244 15	145,013 60		11,934 11	12,043 24	11, 435 21	12,464 96	12, 147 97	11,526 43	11,661 97	12,441 62	11,903 06	13,006 64	12,512 35	12,469 55	145,547 11				145,547 11
British	\$ cts.	37,827 17	162,910 06	174,964 30	170,795 84		13,733 32	14,010 61	13,579 14	13, 458 87	13,383 49	14,061 74	13,878 05	14,015 41	13,984 78	13,856 98	14,816 22	13,966 07	166,774 68		4 00	1 00	166,771 68
Alberta	\$ cts.	33,766 59	133,821 88	135,585 97	140,148 69		12,063 22	11,659 86	11,757 20	12,376 70	12,575 07	12,239 19	12,019 80	11,932 86	12,097 20	12,332 76	12,743 60	11,909 53	145,706 99				145,706 99
Fiscal Year	The same of the sa	1951-52	1952–53	1953-54	1954–55.	1955-56	April 1955	May "	June "	July "	August "	September "	October "	November "	December "	January 1956	February "	March "		Deduct— Amounts Recovered	Account of Overpay- ments	Add— Amounts Reimbursed Provinces Account of Overpayments	Total 1955-56





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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1957



To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1957, (during which the previous administration was in office) of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,

Minister of National Health and Welfare:

Оттаwa, August 31, 1957.



The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1957, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Оттаwa, August 31, 1957.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1956-57

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

During the fiscal year 1956-57, allowances for blind persons were paid in the ten provinces and the two territories. The number of recipients as at March 31, 1957, was 8,256. Federal payments to the provinces and the territories during the year amounted to \$2,959,525.74.

The number of applications for allowances considered by the provincial and territorial authorities during the twelve month period was 1,309. The number approved was 803. The remaining 506 were either not completed or declined. Of the 464 declined 309 were for medical reasons. There were 307 recipients who qualified for pensions under the Old Age Security Act having attained the age of seventy years.

Federal payments to the provinces and the territories from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1957, totalled \$15,384,972.33. The number of recipients transferred to benefit under the Old Age Security Act in the same period totalled 1,988.

The following summary shows the operations of the Act for the fiscal years 1953-54 to 1956-57—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of year	Federal payments
1953–54. 1954–55. 1955–56. 1956–57.	918 849 883 803	938 775 609 506	411 414 318 307	8,214 8,122 8,230 8,256	\$ cts. 2,914,102 07 2,886,184 15 2,918,494 13 2,959,525 74

Further detailed statistics furnished by the provinces are shown in Parts 7 to 11 of this report.

Under a federal-provincial medical treatment plan 54 recipients of blindness allowances were given medical treatment during the fiscal year. Treatment was successful in 44 cases. Since this plan was introduced several years ago a total of 339 recipients have been treated.

2. Amendments to the Act

On March 14th, 1957, the Minister of Finance, in his Budget Address, announced the Government's intention to seek amendments to the Act which would authorize an increase, effective July 1, 1957, in the maximum allowance shareable with the provinces from \$40 to \$46 a month. The amounts of maximum income allowed were also to be increased from \$960 to \$1,080 in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, from \$1,160 to \$1,560

in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, from \$1,560 to \$1,740 in the case of a married person with a sighted spouse and from \$1,680 to \$1,860 in the case of a married person with a blind spouse.

There was no legislative authority for the increases at the end of the fiscal year but shortly thereafter the Act was amended.

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

There were no changes during the fiscal year 1956-57 in the agreements, all of which continued in operation throughout the year.

The original agreements with the ten provinces and the Northwest Territories were completed in 1952. An agreement with the Yukon Territory was completed early in 1953. Following amendments to the Blind Persons Act and the Blind Persons Regulations in 1955, agreements were amended in that year or early in 1956.

Implementation of the increase in the maximum allowance and the increases in the amounts of maximum income allowed announced in March of 1957 requires amendments to the agreements. At the end of the fiscal year 1956-57 several provinces had indicated their intention of amending their agreements.

4. Administration—Federal

Both the Welfare Branch and the Health Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare take part in the federal administration. The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch is responsible for the financial side of the administration including an examination of decisions made in the provinces and an audit of the provincial accounts at Ottawa. The Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch deals with the medical examinations, the Chief of that Branch making the final decision as to whether each applicant is or is not blind within the meaning of the Blind Persons Act.

Medical evidence is obtained through examinations made by oculists employed and paid by the Department. The cost of medical examinations made during the fiscal year 1956-57 was \$10,025.00, with an additional \$2,384.98 paid for the travelling expenses of oculists.

5. Administration—Provincial

Provincial and territorial authorities are responsible for the granting and paying of blindness allowances. The provincial authorities previously appointed by the provincial and territorial governments continued in their capacity as administrators throughout the fiscal year 1956-57.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities, the departments under which they operate and the senior officials of the departments as at March 31, 1957—

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—A. H. Miller, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver

MANITOBA-

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton. Chief Officer-J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax. Minister—Honourable Richard A. Donahoe, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto. Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Old Age Assistance, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown. Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Forrest W. Phillips, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

 Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.
 Territorial Authority—F. J. G. Cunningham, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind
 Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Advisory Board established by the Blind Persons Act met in Ottawa on November 5th and 6th, 1956. The purpose of the meeting was to consider several proposed amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations. The suggestions applied mainly to residence in Canada, the calculation of income and absences from Canada.

The discussion on residence was in connection with certain provisions permitting the provincial authority to disregard absences from Canada. It was suggested that in the case of certain persons, the requirement that they have a home in Canada during their absence should be deleted.

The discussion on the income regulations centred largely on the procedures for calculating the income value of personal property. The suggested changes were for the purpose of permitting more generous methods with more frequent recalculations where the circumstances changed. It was also suggested that where the recipient purchased real property with personal property, he should be allowed the more favourable income calculation. Where the income and other regulations were affected by the provisions of the Unemployment Assistance Act changes were proposed.

In the matter of paying allowances during absences from Canada, it was suggested that the rules for recipients of blindness allowances should be the same as those established by the Old Age Security Act.

Final decisions had not yet been made on the suggested amendments as at March 31, 1957.

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1957

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba Brunswick	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
			Act (Federal) operative as from	perative as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	418	482	402	719	370	714
	\$ cts.	s cts.	e cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	s ets.
Average monthly payment	39 25	39 17	39 60	39 53	39 47	39 25
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1956—March 31, 1967	151,070 53	169,386 75	147,725 00	258, 382 33	132, 571 63	258,095 42
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind $_{\rm Persons}$ ${\rm Act.}$	740,100 65	882, 655 80	776,027 54	1,380,414 66	646,705 70	1,328,970 28

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8,256
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s ets.	\$ cts.	s cts.	s cts.
Average monthly payment	39 09	37 38	39 32	38 80	38 60	40 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1956—March 31, 1957	613,257 34	31,267 43	1,046,322 67	141,839 14	7,447 50	2,160 00	2,959,525 74
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	3,208,295 36	155,329 59	5,545,239 47	689,883 28	25,320 00	6,030 00	6,030 00 15,384,972 33

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$39.25.

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1956-57

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	65	51	38	53	43	56	209	4	235	42	7		803
Male Female	35 30	30 21	17 21	30 23	22 21	27 29	105 104	2 2	122 113	19 23	3 4		412 391
Married. Single. Widower. Widow Separated. Divorced.	28 26 2 4 5	13 21 1 2 10 4	21 12 4 1	19 25 3 4 2	22 19	23 22 1 7 3	65 103 8 18 15	1 2	102 91 7 21 14	21 12 1 5 3	1 2 1 3		316 335 24 71 53 4
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In cities	28 18 2 17	31 3 17	14 4 11 9	15 7	13 9 21	16 14 23 3	95 95 4 15	1	89 31 90 25	7 7 3 25	7		309 185 164 145
Own homes Rented houses or apts	27 3 12 22 1	15 4 16 6 3 7	14 4 17 2 1	17 7 24 5	19 3 15 4 2	25 5 14 3 9	56 19 29 58 39 8	1 2 1	63 39 89 30 12 - 2	14 6 12 5 5	5		252 90 235 132 75 19
Number receiving regular annual income— Pension other than under Blind Persons Act	2	2 2 1	2 4	3	2	8 7 5	13 7 8		7 2 5	3 3 2			40 7 33 26

NUMBER PROVING AGE BY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tota
Certificate of birth	36	29	22	15		16	118	2	2	16			250
Census records alone	9	7	3 11	30	39	26 11	63 5	2	229	6			414
Old Bible records Other records Tribunal	19	14	2	8	4	3	1 22		4	1	7		83

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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Too much income Not sufficient	7	-		7		9	29		41	4			105
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War veterans allow-	1						1		1				3
whereabouts un- known				1		2	2		1				7
Refused information Unable to meet blind	5	4	2	2									15
Old age assistance				33	6	17	53	1	167	9			309
Old age security Disabled persons allowance		1					1						4
Over 70 years				1		1	2		2				6
Total	25	18	15	47	6	31	89	1	214	18			464

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Withdrawn Applicant deceased		3	2	1 1		1	13 4		7 2	4			32 10
Total	3	3	3	2		1	17		9	4			42

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
oril 1, 1956—March 31, 1957		20	21	25	15	30	77	5	81	17			307
om inception of Blind Persons Act.	110	137	142	159	72	139	461	16	656	96			1,988

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single	22 7	29 5	8 7	26 4	21 2	23	82 10	3	93 23	17	6		330 70

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9. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Total	00	446	411	414	318	307
Yukon						
Northwest Territories						
Saskat-	1	16	21	27	18	17
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	81
Prince Edward Island		63		63	63	10
Ontario	19	114	93	98	72	77
Nova Scotia	9	32	288	29	14	30
New- foundland	1	13	18	11	14	15
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25
Manitoba	8	36	35	30	14	21
British Columbia	k-	20	32	233	25	20
Alberta	4	28	44	19	288	16
Fiscal Year	1951–52	1952–53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56.	1956–57

10. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Total		8,079	8,332	8,214	8, 122	8, 230		8,211	8, 237	8,270	8,280	8,287	8,301	8,292	8,295	8, 297	8, 291	8,263	8,256
Yukon	•	23	67	63	63	9	:	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Northwest Territories		-	п	13	16	18		18	18	. 18	18	. 18	18	21	21	23	24	25	25
Saskat- chewan		343	342	366	374	389	:	387	385	391	397	399	399	388	400	399	399	398	399
Quebec		3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905		2,902	2,905	2,925	2,922	2,919	2,920	2,921	2,923	2,928	2,940	2,925	2,918
Prince Edward Island		12	7.8	06	92	96		96	26	94	88	94	94	92	06	91	06	06	06
Ontario		1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719		1,706	1,718	1,725	1,727	1,726	1,733	1,717	1,720	1,724	1,720	1,720	1,713
Nova Scotia		734	722	718	206	726		725	732	726	723	722	721	718	717	719	713	714	714
New- foundland		321	336	336	338	353		354	358	363	362	363	368	372	372	370	370	368	370
New Brunswick		783	750	731	902	717		718	717	717	719	723	724	728	725	719	721	719	719
Manitoba		401	430	411	405	411	:	414	411	411	416	419	418	414	413	414	409	402	402
British		426	485	488	474	475		472	471	471	475	476	474	476	479	476	477	480	482
Alberta		376	383	400	409	415		413	419	423	423	422	426	428	429	428	422	416	418
Fiscal Year		52	53	-54	-55	56	-57	April 1956	May "	June "	July "	August "	September "	October "	November "	December "	January 1957	February "	March "
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11. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

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Yukon	s cts.	180 00		720 00	00 006	1.350 00		180 00					180 00		180 00		180 00							2,160 00
Northwest Territories	cts.	00 06		4.537 50		6.330 00		540 00	540 00	540 00	540 00	540 00	540 00	00 069	630 00	720 00	720 00	723 75	723 75					7,447 50
Saskat- chewan	\$ cts.	30,667 15	123,692 07	125,796 13				11,101 24	11, 167 51	12,038 29	12,272 40	11,892 75	12,091 46	12, 192 03	11,690 83	11,816 12	11,928 31	11,852 43	11,923 27	141,966 64	170 00		42 50	141,839 14
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Prince Edward Island	s cts.	6, 460 17	26,680 54	28, 126 12	30,516 06	32,279 27		2,705 48	2,744 33	2,652 15	2,652 15	2,703 60	2,667 67	2,604 00	2,540 25	2,554 99	2,520 86	2,399 10	2,522 85	31,267 43				31,267 43 1,046,322 67
Ontario	\$ cts.	142,984 41	632, 328 83	602,041 45	607,709 18	609,974 15		50,730 02	52, 557 74	52,140 86	52,400 62	50, 491 27	52, 108 32	50,728 07	50,650 16	51,469 67	50,606 85	50,478 89	49,626 12	613,988 59	975 00	942 75	01 017	613,257 34
Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	250, 566 53	247,787 65	254,603 63		21,634 74	22, 434 45	21,687 94	21,721 39	21,796 86	21,382 20	21, 477 45	21,201 60	21,508 58	21, 159 79	21,216 57	20,967 60	258, 189 17	125 00	31 25		258 095 42
New- foundland	\$ cts.	28, 237 49	117,936 51	121,952 16	119,969 98	126,037 93		10,762 44	10,959 55	11,115 20	10,787 94	10,934 88	11,300 06	11,616 30	11,036 90	11,002 80	11,021 89	10,947 47	11,123 70	132,609 13	50 00	12.50		132,571 63
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	69, 185 98	273,940 64	263,725 96	256,747 58	258, 432 17		21,733 05	21,676 09	21, 151 81	21,846 62	21,961 72	21,385 35	22,002 75	21,287 87	21,320 83	21,547 09	21, 423 38	21,172 26	258,508 82	168 65	42 16		258, 382 33
Manitoba	\$ cts.	35,948 87	153, 548 81	148, 244 15	145,013 60	145,547 11		12,406 53	12,390 02	12,660 12	12,802 74	12,434 02	12,278 16	12,348 93	12,485 24	12,220 06	11, 492 40	12,197 93	12,008 85	147,725 00			20 20 27 7	147,725 00 1
British Columbia	\$ cts.	37,827 17	162,910 06	174,964 30	170, 795 84	166,771 68		14,249 20	14, 195 79	14,382 48	13,752 70	14,044 31	13,924 19	13,777 04	14,126 40	14,388 50	14,169 47	14,021 13	14,355 54	169, 386, 75			200 000 001	109, 380 7D 1
Alberta	s cts.	33,766 59	133,821 88	135, 585 97	140,148 69	145,706 99		12,251 60	12,459 42	12, 988 11	12,608 66	12,211 68	13,064 83	12,838 25	12,752 25	12,860 18	12,270 20	12,346 12	12, 419 23	151,070 53			181 070 50	101,010,00
Fiscal Year		1951 52	1952-53.	1953 54	1954-55.	1955 56.	1956-57.	April 1956	May "	June "	July "	August "	September "	October "	November "	December "	January 1957	February "	March "		Deduct— Amounts recovered account of over- payments.	Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments	Total 1056-87	TOTAL TOTAL

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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955), 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) and 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957).

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1958

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To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada,

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1958, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Ottawa, April 30, 1958.

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The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1958, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Оттаwa, April 30, 1958.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1957-58

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The ten provinces and the two territories provided allowances for blind persons during the fiscal year 1957-58. The number of blind persons receiving allowances as at March 31, 1958, was 8,400. The federal share of seventy-five per cent of the amounts paid out for allowances by the provinces and the territories during 1957-58 was \$3,575,724.04.

The number of applications for allowances considered by the provinces and territories during the twelve month period was 1,391. There were 834 applications approved, 515 declined and 42 not completed. Of the 515 applicants who failed to qualify for allowances 366 were found to be ineligible on medical grounds. The remaining 149 did not meet other requirements of the Blind Persons Act and the regulations made under the Act. There were 107 with too much income, 19 who refused information and 10 receiving other forms of assistance. Of the applications not completed 28 were withdrawn and 14 lapsed due to the death of the applicant.

The number of recipients of blind persons allowances who attained the age of seventy years during the fiscal year and were transferred to the administration of old age security was 322.

Federal payments to the provinces and the territories from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1958, have totalled \$18,960,696.37. During the same period 2,310 recipients of blind persons allowances attained the age of seventy years and were transferred by the provinces to the federal administration of the Old Age Security Act.

The operations under the Blind Persons Act for the last five fiscal years are shown in the following comparative summary—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or . not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
(953–54. (954–55. (955–56. (956–57.	918 849 883 803 834	938 775 609 506	411 414 318 307 322	8,214 8,122 8,230 8,256 8,400	\$ cts. 2,914,102 07 2,886,184 15 2,918,494 13 2,959,525 74 3,575,724 04

Two increases in the maximum allowance during 1957-58 largely account for the substantial increase in federal payments during that fiscal year. The maximum allowance was increased from \$40 to \$46 a month with effect from July 1, 1957 and from \$46 to \$55 with effect from November 1, 1957. On both occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased. The changes are explained further in Part 2 of this report. Other statistical information furnished by the provinces appears in Parts 7 to 12...

A federal-provincial medical treatment plan for recipients of blind persons allowances was inaugurated in the year 1948. Since that year and up to March 31, 1958, a total of 433 recipients have been treated under the plan, the treatment being successful in 322 cases. During the fiscal year 1957-58 the number given treatment was 94. In 68 cases the treatment was successful.

2. Amendments to the Act

By section 11 of the Appropriation Act No. 4, 1957, Chapter 14, Statutes of Canada, 1957, (incorporating the wording of Vote No. 666 of "Further Supplementary Estimates (1)" for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958), Parliament amended the Blind Persons Act, effective July 1, 1957, to provide

(a) for an increase from \$40 to \$46 a month in the maximum amount of

blindness allowance payable, and

(b) for increases in the amounts of allowable income from

\$ 960 to \$1,080 a year (unmarried)

\$1,160 to \$1,560 a year (unmarried—dependent child)

\$1,560 to \$1,740 a year (married)

\$1,680 to \$1,860 a year (married with blind spouse).

The Act was again amended later in the fiscal year. On November 1, 1957, the Minister of National Health and Welfare introduced the following resolution in the House of Commons—

"That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Blind Persons Act to increase to fifty-five dollars per month the maximum amount of allowance in respect of which payments may be made to the provinces under the provisions of that act, and to increase the total amount of allowable income, inclusive of allowance, by one hundred and twenty dollars a year in the case of an unmarried person and two hundred and forty dollars a year in the case of a married person."

Following a short debate on November 1, 1957, the resolution was reported and concurred in and thereupon the Minister moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 21, to amend the Blind Persons Act. The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the first time. Its provisions were as follows—

An Act to amend the Blind Persons Act.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

- 1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 3 of the Blind Persons Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
- "3. (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Canada, make an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with this Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of allowances paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, seventy-five per cent of fifty-five dollars monthly or of the amount of the allowance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser."
 - (2) Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:
 - ((c) is
 - (i) an unmarried person, without a dependent child or children and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than twelve hundred dollars a year,

(ii) an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than sixteen hundred and eighty dollars a year.

(iii) married and living with his spouse and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than nineteen hundred and eighty dollars a year, or

(iv) married and living with his spouse who is blind and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than two thousand one hundred dollars a year."

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of November, 1957.

Bill No. 21 was passed by the House of Commons on November 5, 1957 and by the Senate on November 13, 1957, receiving Royal Assent on November 21, 1957, as Chapter 4 of the Statutes of Canada, 1957.

Since its inception in 1952, the Blind Persons Act has been amended three times as shown in the following summary—

				Increase in allowable income									
Year	Chapter number	Reduction in age	Increase in allowance	Unmarried	Married	Married blind spouse							
1955	26	21 to 18 years		\$840 to \$960 \$1,040 to \$1,160 (dependent child)	\$1,320 to \$1,560	\$1,440 to \$1,680							
1957	14(1)		\$40 to \$46	\$960 to \$1,080 \$1,160 to \$1,560 (dependent child)	\$1,560 to \$1,740	\$1,680 to \$1,860							
1957	4(2)		\$46 to \$55	\$1,080 to \$1,200 \$1,560 to \$1,680 (dependent child)	\$1,740 to \$1,980	\$1,860 to \$2,100							

⁽¹⁾ Passed during the 5th Session of the 22nd Parliament with effect from July 1, 1957.

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Two amending agreements between Canada and the provinces (three in the case of Newfoundland) and between Canada and the Northwest Territories were completed during 1957-58. There was one amending agreement with the Yukon Territory within the fiscal year, the second one being completed on May 28, 1958. All original agreements had previously been amended following amendments to the Blind Persons Act and the Blind Persons Regulations in 1955.

Amending agreements completed with the provinces and the Northwest Territories in June, July and August of 1957, dealt with the first amendments in that year to the Blind Persons Act which increased, with effect from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance payable from \$40 to \$46 a month and also the amounts of income allowed as explained in Part 2 of this report. An agreement with the Yukon Territory made in December of 1957 also belonged in this group.

In the case of Newfoundland an amending agreement dated August 30, 1957, increased only the amounts of income allowed, the maximum allowance payable remaining at \$40 a month. An agreement completed on February 6, 1958, applied to the same amendment to the Act but provided for federal sharing of a maximum allowance of \$46 a month instead of \$40. This agreement was effective from October 1, 1957.

⁽²⁾ Passed during the 1st Session of the 23rd Parliament with effect from November 1, 1957.

Further amending agreements completed during the period December, 1957, to March, 1958, applied to the second amendments to the Blind Persons Act in 1957 which, from November 1, 1957, increased the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and also increased the amounts of income allowed as explained in Part 2 of this report. In the case of the Yukon Territory the agreement was made shortly after the close of the fiscal year 1957-58 being dated May 28, 1958.

The Orders in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada were P.C. 1957-21/755 of June 13, 1957 and P.C. 1957-21/1601 of December 6, 1957.

The Order in Council authorizing the Minister to sign the agreement of February 6, 1958, with Newfoundland was P.C. 1958-18/116 of January 25, 1958.

4. Administration—Federal

The Blind Persons Regulations provide for the medical examination of applicants for blind persons allowances and set forth the rules to be followed in making such examinations. The oculists who act as medical examiners and who are employed by the federal government make their reports to the Chief of the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. It is this official who decides whether each applicant can or can not be accepted as a blind person for the purpose of dealing with his application.

The total amount paid by the federal government to oculists for their services in connection with the medical examination of applicants for blindness allowances during the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$12,872.50. There was an additional amount of \$2,983.16 paid for the travelling expenses of oculists making medical examinations outside their offices.

The financial part of federal administration is the responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department. This includes the examination of decisions on applications following their consideration by provincial authorities and of provincial accounts furnished by the provinces. The first operation is carried on in the provinces and the second one at Ottawa.

In addition to the federal Act and Regulations, federal administrators must take into account the provisions of the provincial acts and regulations and the territorial ordinances and regulations under the authority of which provincial and territorial authorities pay allowances to blind recipients. Provincial and territorial legislation is listed in Part 5 of this report.

5. Administration—Provincial

Blind persons allowances are provided under provincial law to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Blind Persons Act and the Blind Persons Regulations. In paying allowances the provincial authorities responsible for the administration must therefore take into account the provisions of both the federal and the provincial Acts. Certain matters referred to in the federal Act are dealt with specifically by the provincial Acts. These include penalties, the prevention of assignment or seizure of allowances and the protection of recipients' voting rights.

The following are the provincial acts and territorial ordinances in operation-

ALBERTA-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by the Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957.

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, 1951, Chapter 1, Statutes of Ontario, 1951 (Second Session), as amended by Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 4, Statutes of Ontario, 1957 and Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 1958.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958.

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52.

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1952, as amended by Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1952 (Second Session), Chapter 23, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1955 (Third Session), Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1957 (Second Session) and Chapter 14, Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958 (First Session).

The provincial governments appoint officials or boards, called "provincial authorities", to administer blind persons allowances, the administration being within the provincial departments of welfare. Where it grants an allowance, a provincial authority also arranges for regular monthly payments to the recipient.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities, provincial government departments and senior provincial officials responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances as at March 31, 1958—

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputly Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Health and Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable E. C. F. Martin, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable R. W. Bend, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

Newfoundland-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable S. J. Hefferton, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Alexander W. Matheson, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

OTTERRO-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and of Youth, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Deputy Minister—Gustave Poisson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and of Youth.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina, Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation. Deputy Minister –J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation. Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina. Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons

Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

Early in the fiscal year 1957-58 several sections of the Blind Persons Regulations, made and established by Order in Council P.C. 1955-49 of January 13, 1955, were amended with effect from July 1, 1957, by Order in Council P.C. 1957-714 of May 27, 1957. The amendments referred almost exclusively to the calculation of income and the commencement of allowance payments. They were as follows—

- 1. By agreement, a province could, under the former regulations, disregard direct relief in an amount considered reasonable by the provincial authority if paid out of monies provided only by the municipality or the province in which the recipient resided, or by both, or by a charitable organization incorporated or registered under a law of a province or of the Parliament of Canada. Due to the operations of the Unemployment Assistance Act which came into force in July, 1956, it was necessary to amend this provision. The new regulation refers only to "relief, including relief paid by a charitable organization incorporated or registered under a law of a province or of the Parliament of Canada, in an amount considered reasonable by the provincial authority".
- 2. The rules in connection with the calculation of the income value of personal property were modified by adding new provisions allowing a recalculation where the recipient's circumstances changed due to the spouse becoming a recipient or a pensioner under the Old Age Security Act, where the spouse died or where the personal property was depleted by medical, hospital or funeral expenses. A provision was also added requiring the inclusion in the income calculation of personal property acquired subsequent to the commencement date of the allowance.

The provision requiring that the calculation be made under the Old Age Assistance Regulations during the period that the recipient's spouse was in receipt of assistance was deleted. A new provision in the Old Age Assistance Regulations reversed the former procedure so that in such a case the calculation is now made under the more generous method provided by the Blind Persons Regulations.

3. There was a minor change in the regulation dealing with the income value of free board and lodging to include cases where the recipient was given the funds to pay the cost of his lodging by persons other than the recipient or his spouse.

- 4. The former regulations allowed the calculation of income under the more generous rules applying to real property only where the real property was purchased with personal property derived from the sale of real property held at the time the allowance was granted. The amended regulations removed this restriction.
- 5. The section applying to the commencement of allowance was amended so that provision for retroactive payment does not apply to any period exceeding one month during which an applicant is in receipt of assistance in respect of which Canada has agreed to contribute under the Unemployment Assistance Act. The provision restricting the payment of a blindness allowance to one month where a recipient received direct relief to which the Government of Canada contributed was deleted.
- 6. The provision under which a recipient could request an increase in his allowance was modified so that some other person could make the request on his behalf.

The Advisory Board did not meet during the fiscal year 1957-58, the last meeting having been held on November 5 and 6, 1956.

7. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1958

		Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
				Act (Federal) operative as from	rative as from		
		Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients		451	505	392	715	376	745
		s cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment		53 63	53 67	54 33	53 94	54 45	53 92
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1957—March 31 1958.	1957—March 31,	188, 604 02	213,809 22	170,030 87	310, 480 52	152, 688 32	312,968 60
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	nception of the	928, 704 67	1,096,465 02	946,058 41	1,690,895 18	799, 394 02	1,641,938 88
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	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon	Total
			Act (Fec	Act (Federal) operative as from	s from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,720	96	2,956	412	27	ro	8,400
	s cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	53 73	53 13	54 41	53 32	51 85	46 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1957 -March 31, 1958	735,344 01	37,568 33	1,264,975 17	176,094 73	10,860 75	2,299 50	3,575,724 04
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	3,943,639 37	192,897 92	6,810,214 64	865,978 01	36, 180 75	8,329 50	18, 960, 696 37

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$54.02.

8. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1957-58

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	70	59	29	57	28	64	205	14	249	54	5		834
MaleFemale	37 33	28 31	12 17	21 36	17 11	25 39	109 96	9 5	128 121	31 23	3 2		420 414
Married Single Widower Widow Separated Divorced.	35 22 1 7 5	25 20 2 4 7 1	12 7 3 6 1	28 17 2 5 3 2	12 14 1	27 26 1 8 2	77 78 5 23 19	8 4 1 1	98 101 4 29 17	27 19 3 4 1	2 2 1		351 310 23 87 57
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In cities	31 7 21 11	29 6 5 19	8 4 10 7	14 6 6 31	13 3 12	11 19 27 7	112 60 10 23	2 1 1 10	110 31 97 11	14 11 10 19	2		346 148 202 138
Own homes	25 10 8 27	21 9 21 5 1 2	3 18 3 2	28 3 23 2 1	9 2 14 3	28 3 20 4 9	64 22 62 32 23 2	8 2 4	68 42 90 37 12	22 11 10 9 1	2		277 107 272 119 54
Number receiving regular annual income— Pension other than under Blind Persons Act	1	3 1 4	1 1 1	2 1 3	4 2	3	17 4 4	1	2 2 7	1 2 3			34 14 20 29

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Age established by— Certificate of birth Certificate of bap-	44	35	14	17		30	124	9	29	33			33a
tism	10	9	8 5	23	23	23 9	48	3 1	198 1	10 1	2		358 24
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APPLICATIONS DECLINED

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	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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Disabled persons allowance													
Over 70 years		15	18	44	12	53	78	7	233				
TOURS	2/2	10	10	44	12	93	18		400	61			515

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.			P.E.I.	-	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Vithdrawn		4	3	1		3	6	3	2 3	4			28 14
Total	5	5	4	1		4	10	3	5	5			42

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

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	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1957—March 31, 1958 From inception of		21	15	26	9	24	97	3	86	16	1	1	322
Blind Persons Act	133	158	157	185	81	163	558	19	742	112	1	1	2,310

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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9. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Total	85	446	411	414	. 318	307	322	2,310
Yukon Territory							Ψ,	1
Northwest Territories							П	1
Saskat- chewan	. "	16	17	27	18	17	, 16	112
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	81	98	742
Prince Edward Island		64	, 60		ഞ	70	00	19
 Ontario	19	114	93	98	72	11	26	558
Nova	9	32	28	29	14	30	24	163
New- foundland	yrd ,	13	18	11	14	.15	Ø.	81
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	26	185
Manitoba		36	32	30	14	. 21	15	157
British Columbia	. 10	20	32	33	25	. 20	21	158
Alberta	F	26	14	19	28	16	23	133
Fiscal Year	951-52	952-53	953-54	954-55	355-56	956-57	957-58.	Total

10. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951–52.	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	22	3,013	343	1	2	8,079
1952–53	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342	Ξ	2	8,332
1953–54.	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	61	8,214
1954–55	409	474	405	902	338	200	1,731	26	2,866	374	16	67	8, 122
1955–56	415	475	411	717	353	726	1,719	96	2,905	389	18	9	8,230
1956-57.	418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8,256
1957–58													
April 1957	415	485	400	719	370	117	1,710	88	2,905	397	24	9	8, 231
May "	425	488	396	714	369	715	1,709	87	2,897	398	52	9	8, 229
June "	425	492	393	715	371	707	1,696	988	2,906	403	25	9	8,225
July "	425	488	395	716	371	602	1,697	88	2,929	406	25	9	8,255
August "	434	493	398	713	373	714	1,706	48	2,916	405	24	G	8,269
September "	433	490	398	719	373	718	1,701	86	2,917	407	24	9	8,275
October "	431	495	394	719	371	721	1,691	88	2,912	409	23	9	8,260
November "	429	501	394	718	370	727	1,701	. 92	2,921	404	25	9	8,291
December "	433	202	390	717	373	732	1,711	85	2,922	409	25	9	8,312
January 1958	438	203	392	710	373	742	1,707	92	2,934	408	25	ıρ	8,329
February "	447	505	391	712	374	742	1,718	85	2,936	412	25	ro.	8,356
March "	451	202	392	715	376	745	1,720	96	2,956	412	27	ro	8,400

11. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1958, receiving maximum and reduced allowance payments

Total	451	505	392	715	376	745	1,720	. 96	2,956	412	27	ю	8,400
Less than \$5	244.						4, 60						90.
\$5-9.99	123	1,20		14.		13	122		.03	1.46	3.70		115
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820-24.99	2 44.	.40	. 55.23	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	80 S.	.13	113		.07	2 4.	3,70		35
\$25-29.09	39.	30 OG		. 28 2		3.40	20.		.30	1.21			32
\$30 34.99	67 44	.79	.51	.56		4.4	.62		.07	.73			30
\$35-39,99	.22	£ 95°	.77	.70	- ci	1.34	9	4 17	15.				119
840 44.99	4.68	.59	.51	.70	.53.29	9 08.	17	2.08	11.	.49			.64
845 19.99	1,33	66.	1.53	1.40	8.0%	2.15	1.51		1.56	.97			122
850 54.99	4.00	1.98	3.77.	4.00	63 EG	2.28	1.86	30 00	1,25	82			120
\$52	422 93.57	468	374	94.69	364 96 81	91.95	1,592	84.38	2,824	386	92.59	100.00	7,903
 Province	No.		No.	No.	No.	No. %	No. %	ľ, No.	No. %	No.	.T. No.		Total.
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12. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

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Total	s ets.	721,449 24	2,985,217 00	2,914,102 07	2,886,184 15	2,918,494 13	2,959,525 74		244,600 27	243,730 59	243, 476 86	283, 425 17	283, 497 89	282, 232 13	282,343 06	311,061 29	324,411 23	384,617 36	344,444 61	349,130 68	3,576,971 14	1,662 78	415 68	3,575,724 04
Yukon Territory	\$ cts.	180 00	720 00	720 00	900 00	1,350 00	2,160 00		180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	315 00	207 00	172 50	172 50	172 50	2,299 50			2,299 50
Northwest Territories	s cts.	00 06	1,740 00	4,537 50	5,175 00	6,330 00	7,447 50		693 75	753 75	723 75	831 75	797 25	797 25	762 75	1,047 75	831 75	831 75	1,479,75	1,309 50	10,860 75			10,860 75
Saskat- chewan	s cts.	30,667 15	123,692 07	125, 796 13	132,670 19	135, 218 60	141,839 14		11,604 27	12,112 76	12,009 74	13,859 58	14, 103 87	14,013 19	14, 130 57	16,527 30	17,365 49	16,928 83	16,910 47	16,621 31	176, 187 38	123 53	30 88	176,094 73
Quebec	\$ cts.	271,902 08	1,104,179 94	1,057,841 80	1,028,750 38	1,036,242 60	1,046,322 67		86,848 16	85,621 85	86,623 46	100,924 67	100,026 35	100,653 00	100,225 14	100,586 05	100, 127 28	159,984 71	121,501 47	121,880 06	1,265,002 20	36 03	00 6	1,264,975 17
Prince Edward Island	s cts.	6,460 17	26,680 54	28, 126 12	30,516 06	32,279 27	31,267 43		2, 404 58	2,437 87	2,408 40	2,926 99	2,885 03	2,985 53	3,054 53	3,079 09	3,010 20	3,044 70	3,000 00	6,241 41	37,568 33			37,568 33
Ontario	\$ ets.	142,984 41	632,328 83	602,041 45	807,709 18	609, 974 15	613, 257 34		50,688 46	50, 195 38	49,633 73	59,067 52	59,502 27	57,649 53	58,084 17	70,099 83	70,664 75	68, 708 87	71,367 66	70,324 76	735, 986 93	857 22	214 30	735, 344 01
Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	250, 566 53	247,787 65	254,603 63	258,095 42		21,024 28	21,189 60	20,645 81	24, 409 56	24,380 48	24,605 10	24,764 25	30,018 23	30, 233 25	30,835 24	30,393 00	30,598 05	313,096 85	171 00	42 75	312, 968 60
New- foundland	s cts.	28, 237 49	117,936 51	121,952 16	119,969 98	126,037 93	132,571 63		11,148 29	10,911 29	11, 108 66	11,237 56	11,507 39	11,242 09	11,245 57	11,511 81	11,861 97	19,839 71	15,443 71	15,630 27	152, 688 32			152,688 32
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	69, 185 98	273,940 64	263,725 96	256,747.58	258, 432 17	258,382 33		21,393 94	21,088 85	21,309 49	24,740 61	24,344 80	24, 753 90	24,373 69	29,471 93	29.347 27	29,085 68	29, 714 59	31,017 02	310,641 77	215 00	53 75	310,480 52
Manitoba	\$ cts.	35,948 87	153,548 81	148,244 15	145,013 60	145,547 11	147,725 00		11,738 65	11,732 15	11,792 15	13,663 90	14,105 06	13, 229 02	13,384 28	16, 171, 97	16,266 49	16, 106 32	15,890 75	15,950 13	170,030 87			170,030 87
British Columbia	\$ cts.	37,827 17	162,910 06	174,964 30	170, 795 84	166,771 68	169,386 75		14,250 92	14,427 86	14,448 30	16,784 06	16,803 28	16,947 45	17,219 45	17, 471 72	23,996 73	20,745 14	20, 112 10	20,602 21	213,809 22			213,809 22
Alberta	\$ cts.	33,766 59	133,821 88	135,585 97	140, 148 69	145,706 99	151,070 53		12,534 97	13,079 23	12,593 37	14,798 97	14,862 11	15, 176 07	14,918 66	14,760 61	20,499 05	18,333 91	18,458 61	18, 783 46	188, 799 02	260 00	65 00	188,604 02
Fiscal Year		1951–52.	1952–53.	1953-54	1954-55.	1955-56.	1956-57.	1957–58.	April 1957	May "	June "	July "	August "	September "	October "	November "	December "	January 1958	February "	March "		Deduct— Amounts recovered account of over- payments.	Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments	Total 1957-58

Report on the

Administration of Allowances
for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955), 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) and 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58).

> FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1959

Publications

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, P.C., C.H., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1959, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,

Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Оттаwa, April 30, 1959.



The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 30, 1959.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1958-59

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons were paid by the ten provinces and the two territories during the fiscal year 1958-59. As at March 31, 1959, there were 8,747 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces being seventy-five per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces to recipients totalled \$4,235,131.48.

The provinces reported a total of 1,722 applications considered during the twelve month period. Of this number 1,037 were approved, 639 were declined and 46 not completed. There were 478 applications declined for medical reasons. The applications not completed consisted of 38 where the applications were withdrawn and 8 where the applicants died before decisions had been reached on their requests for blindness allowances. During the year 326 recipients attained the age of seventy years and were granted pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

From January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1959, federal payments to the provinces have amounted to \$23,195,827.85. During the same period 2,636 recipients reached the age of seventy years and were transferred to the administration of the Old Age Security Act.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Act for the last six fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
1050 64					\$ cts.
1953-54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07
1954–55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955–56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956–57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958–59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4, 235, 131 48

The maximum allowance payable was \$40 a month to June 30, 1957. By an amendment to the Act the amount was increased to \$46 a month from July 1, 1957. A second amendment in the same year provided for a further increase of \$9 a month. From November 1, 1957, the maximum allowance to which the Government of Canada will contribute its share of 75 per cent has been \$55 a month. Payment of allowances at this rate throughout the twelve months of 1958-59 accounts for a considerable part of the increase over 1957-58 when the amounts varied from \$40 to \$55 a month.

More detailed statistics will be found in Parts 7 to 14 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Blind Persons Act was not amended during 1958-59. Since its inception in 1952 it has been amended on three occasions. In 1955 the amounts of maximum income allowed were increased and the age requirement lowered. In 1957 the maximum allowance and the amounts of maximum income allowed were twice increased. The following summary shows the changes made in the Act—

Period in force	Maximum allowance	Age requirement	Residence requirement	Maximum income allowed including the allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21 years	10 years in Canada	\$ 840 a year (unmarried) 1,040 " (unmarried—dependent
				1,320 " (married) 1,440 " (married—blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	\$40	18 years	10 years in Canada	960 " (unmarried) 1,160 " (unmarried—dependent child)
V 4.10 0 0 7 - 1 - 1				1,560 " (married) 1,680 " (married—blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	18 years	10 years in Canada	1,080 " (unmarried) 1,560 " (unmarried—dependent child)
				1,740 " (married) 1,860 " (married—blind spouse)
After November 1	\$55	18 years	10 years in Canada	1,200 " (unmarried) 1,680 " (unmarried—dependent child)
				1,980 " (married) 2,100 " (married—blind spouse)

The original Act, Chapter 38, Statutes of Canada, 1951, later became Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952. The amending Acts were Chapter 26, Statutes of Canada, 1955, Chapter 14, Statutes of Canada, 1957 (5th Session of the 22nd Parliament), bearing the short title "Appropriation Act No. 4, 1957," and Chapter 4, Statutes of Canada, 1957-58 (1st Session of the 23rd Parliament).

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

There were no amendments to the agreements during 1958-59. Since the second amendments were made to the Act in 1957, the agreements with the ten provinces and the two territories have stipulated \$660 a year as the maximum allowance payable and have specified as the maximum amounts of income allowed the amounts shown in the Act since November 1, 1957.

4. Administration—Federal

The Federal Government's share of allowances for blind persons is seventy-five per cent. The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for establishing the amounts payable to the provinces. A continuous examination of provincial records is carried on for this purpose, part of the work being done in Ottawa and part in the provinces.

The medical certification of applicants is a federal responsibility, medical examinations being made by oculists employed by the Federal Government. This part of the administration comes under the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department. The Federal Government pays the cost of medical examinations. For the fiscal year 1958-59 oculists' fees amounted to

\$14,500.00 and their travelling expenses to \$2,106.53.

5. Administration—Provincial

Blind persons allowances are administered and paid by the provinces under the authority of provincial Acts. In making their decisions the provincial authorities must take into account the requirements of the federal Act. As at March 31, 1959, the following provincial Acts and regulations were in operation—

ALBERTA-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.
(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 629/57, filed December 24, 1957, Order in Council 528/55).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session). (Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

Manitoba-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955.

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952. (The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by the Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958. (The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, 1951, Chapter 1, Statutes of Ontario, 1951, (Second Session), as amended by Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 4, Statutes of Ontario, 1957, and Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 1958.
(Ontario Regulations 69/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 218/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, and by Ontario Regulations 62/57, made March 14, 1957, and filed March 19, 1957).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958. (The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951.)

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.
(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session).

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958.

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The provincial authorities appointed by the provincial governments in previous years continued to administer blind persons allowances in 1958-59. The following is a list of the provincial authorities, the provincial welfare departments and the senior officials of the departments as at March 31, 1959—

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Winnipeg

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

Newfoundland-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable S. J. Hefferton, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

Nova Scotia-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Alexander A. MacIsaac, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown

QUEBEC -

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Quebec.

Minister—Honourable J. M. Paul Sauve, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons
Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations during the fiscal year 1958-59. The Advisory Board appointed by Order in Council P.C. 1954-96 of January 21, 1954, did not meet but at the end of the year plans for a meeting some time in 1959-60 were under consideration.

7. Blindness in Canada

A person is considered blind in Canada if the vision in both eyes with proper glasses is reduced to 6/60 Snellen (or 20/200), or if the visual fields of both eyes are constricted to a radius of less than 10 degrees.

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind has a register of about 23,000. About one-third of these have no vision. The remainder have vision from counting fingers at one yard distance up to 20 '200 with glasses. Many of these persons, blind within the meaning of the Blind Persons Act, can see to get around but not well enough to do work requiring good vision.

The number in the different age groups for 1957-58, the latest year for which the information is available, is shown below along with the main causes of blindness for each age group—

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under 7-20 years 21-39 years 40-64 years	366 1,357 3,042 7,340	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection Same as above Same as above plus degenerative myopia Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central
65-69 years 70-99 years Over 100 years	2,351 8,161 14	nervous system Same as previous group Same as previous group Same as previous group
Total	22,631	

These figures show that most blindness develops late in life due to a variety of causes including in particular glaucoma and diabetes. Before the advent of insulin diabetics did not live long enough to become blind from the disease. However, the total incidence of blindness is probably decreasing due to improved methods in treating infections and diseases of the eye and the frequency of eye operations that restore vision.

The Blindness Control Division, in co-operation with most provinces, administers a free treatment scheme to those recipients of blindness allowance whose vision may be restored by treatment. Since 1948 some 500 cases have been treated and in about 375 the vision has been restored. The provinces provide the treatment and are re-imbursed 75% of the cost by the Government of Canada. During 1958-59 there were 88 recipients treated, the treatment being successful in 72 cases.

8. Comparison with related Acts

Pensions for the blind were first provided at the age of forty by an amendment in March, 1937 to the Old Age Pensions Act passed by Parliament in March, 1927. The federal share was seventy-five per cent. All pensions for blind persons, like the pensions under the Old Age Pensions Act, were paid subject to a means test.

The Old Age Pensions Act was in fact superseded by the Old Age Security Act which, from January 1, 1952, provided pensions entirely at Federal Government expense to persons over seventy who had twenty years' residence in Canada. There was no means test attached to the payment of these pensions.

At the same time that the Old Age Security Act came into operation two other new Acts were introduced, namely, the Old Age Assistance Act and the Blind Persons Act. Except that they applied to younger persons the provisions of these two Acts differed little in their essential features from the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act, both containing means tests, age and residence requirements. The federal share of blindness allowances was the same as under the Old Age Pensions Act, namely, seventy-five per cent. Assistance at sixty-five under the Old Age Assistance Act was shareable on a fifty-fifty basis.

In 1955 the Disabled Persons Act came into operation. The federal share of disability allowances payable subject to a means test was fixed at fifty per cent, the same as for old age assistance.

Actually each of the four Acts now in operation is entirely separate and distinct from the other three so far as the law itself is concerned. On the other hand, all four are closely related, so much so that where the practice is authorized, a recipient under any one of the three means test Acts, may, without any action

on his part, become a recipient of a pension under the Old Age Security Act. By making a new application, a recipient of a blindness or disability allowance may, at sixty-five, transfer to the simpler administration under the Old Age Assistance Act.

Because of the close relationship a summary of the main features of the plans under the four Acts as amended may be of interest.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provin- cial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance		Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$960 — unmarried \$1,620 — married \$1,980 — married — blind spouse	\$1,200 — unmarried \$1,680 — unmarried —dependent child \$1,980 married \$2,100 — married — blind spouse	\$960 — unmarried \$1,620 — married \$1,980 — married — blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and perma- nent disability defined by regu- lation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sani- toria excluded. Payment by in- dividuals of greater part of support in other institutions re- quired
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blind- ness, disability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or pen- sion in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allow- ance, old age security or mothers allow- ance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may speci- fy maximum al- lowance and max- imum income al- lowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law

9. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1959

		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
				Act (Federal) operative as from	erative as from		
		Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	-	464	530	409	724	407	787
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment		53 22	53 61	53 51	53 90	54 41	53 40
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1958—March 31 1959.	1958—March 31,	223,720 72	248,774 22	198,648 89	357,742 06	199, 974 98	376, 544 49
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	tion of the Blind	1,152,425 39	1,345,239 24	1,144,707 30	2,048,637 24	999,369 00	2,018,483 37
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,833	20	3,056	417	28	70	8,747
	\$ cts.	s ets.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	50 75	53 48	54 06	53 01	51 96	55 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1958—March 31, 1959	867,246 99	43,337 70	1,500,856 38	203,033 80	12,745 50	2,505 75	4, 235, 131 48
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	4,810,886 36	236, 235 62	8,311,071 02	1,069,011 81	48,926 25	10,835 25	23, 195, 827 85
Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$53.15							

10. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1958-59

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	63	61	45	53	54	80	307	2	331	38	3		1,037
Male Female	34 29	32 29	18 27	28 25 	32 22	46 34	150 157	2	149 182	17 21	1 2		507 530
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Total	25	20	20	60	25	46	119	1	293	30	<u> </u>			
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Age established by— Certificate of birth	29	31	25	15	2	30	191	1	9	17			3.
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Saskat- chewan		16	17	27	18	17	16	15	127
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	18	98	86	840
Prince Edward Island		62	63	60	ಣ	70	60	1	20
Ontario	19	114	93	98	7.2	77	26	83	641
Nova Scotia	9	32	28	29	14	30	24	23	186
New- foundland	H	13	18	11	14	15	6	15	96
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	56	23	508
Manitoba	9	36	35	30	14	21	15	14	171
British	2	20	32	33	22	20	. 21	23	181
Alberta	2	26	14	19	28	16	23	29	162
Fiscal Year	1951–52.	1952–53	1953–54	1954-55	1955–56.	1956-57	1957–58.	1958–59.	Total

12. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

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13. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1959, receiving maximum and reduced allowance payments

Total	464	530	409	724	407	787	1,833	87	3,056	417	. 28	22	8,747
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\$30-34.99	24.2	1.13	4.00	.41		. 90	15.		.16	.72			45
\$35-39.99	8.	4.75	.24	1.38	.49	.63	17,	3,45	.75	. 24			.80
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\$45-49.99	2,37	1.51	1.72	2.07	2.40	2.16	1.58		1.90	.48			149
\$50-54.99	24.	1.70	27.00	1.38	.49	2.03	2.02	3,45	1.37	.72			127
\$55	427	91.89	383	671 92.68	394 96.81	720	1,500	88.50	2,856	390	92.86	100.00	7,936
Province	No.	No.%	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.%	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.%	1
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Ontario	\$ cts.	142,984 41	328		002,041 45	81 607,709 18	609, 974 15	613, 257 34	735,344 01	71, 254 93	74,206 21	72,035 88	72,083 91	71,386 49	73, 100 36	72,507 47	72, 957 03	75,331,54	589	194			Sor, 033 24	595 00	00 000	10°		867,246 99
Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	64, 199 33	253,717 72	000	200	247, 787 65	254,603 63	258,005 42	312,968 60	30,379 80	30,483 87	31,308 53	31,347 49	30,913 24	31,337 80	32,082 36	31,484 61	32,017 08	32.077 80	384	871	1	940,059 49	192 00		90		376,514 45,
New- foundland	\$ cts.	28, 237 49	117,936 51	191 050 16	700	119,969 98	126,037 93	132,571 63	152,688 32	16,509 31	16, 146 19	15,933 92	16,809 17	16,752 92	16,957 72	16,951 59	16,471 47	17,246 00	16,552 42	17,041 93	16,602 34		400,004					<u>.</u>
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	69, 185 98	273,940 64	963 795 96	2 1	256, 747, 58	258, 432 17	258,382 33	310,480 52	29,281 19	30, 424 94	29, 137 35	30,025 69	29,996 43	30, 143 76	30, 298 38	29, 702, 20	29,974 05	29, 773 54	29,816 47	29, 186 81	357 760 81	2	25 00		6 25	257 740 04	
Manitoba	\$ cts.	35,948 87	153,548 81	148.244 15		013	547	147, 725 00	170,030 87	16, 169 28	15,899 41	15,956 99	16,775 96	16, 263 71	16,248 06	16,578 69	17,146 85	16,916,91	17, 203 70	16, 982 38	16,506 95	198,648 89					108 848 801	
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Alberta	\$ cts.	33,766 59	133, 821 88	135,585 97	140		902	151,070 53	188,604 02	752	18, 964 46	18, 238 37	18,369 41		18,829 93	18,538 61	18,694 30	18,747 72	18,514 81	19,209 03	19, 108 94	224,043 22		430 00		107 50	223,720 72	
Fiscal Year		1951–52	1952–53	1953-54.	1954-55	1000	190000	1936–57	1957–58		May 1958			August 1958	September 1958	October 1958	November 1958	December 1958	January 1959	February 1959	March 1959		Deduct-	Amounts recovered account of over-	Add-	Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments	Total 1958-59	



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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

1959/60

Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955), 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) and 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58).



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To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1960, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1960.

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The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. DAVIDSON,

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1960.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1959-60

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

All provinces and the two territories paid allowances for blind persons throughout the fiscal year 1959-60. There were 8,671 recipients as at March 31, 1960. Federal payments to the provinces, being seventy-five per cent of the provinces' payments to recipients, amounted to \$4,198,167.36 for the twelve month period.

Of the 1,330 applications considered by the provincial authorities during the year, 774 were approved, 510 were declined (386 for medical reasons) and 46 were not completed. Of those not completed 37 were withdrawn and 9 lapsed due to the death of the applicants. There were 328 recipients who attained the age of seventy years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Federal payments to the provinces from January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1960, have totalled \$27,393,995.21. During the same period 2,964 recipients were transferred to the administration of old age security having attained the age of seventy years.

The following is a summary of the operations under the Blind Persons Act for the last seven fiscal years—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953 -54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07
1954 -55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955-56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956–57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957-58,	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958 - 59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4,235,131 48
1959-60	774	556	328	8,671	4,198,167 36

The maximum allowance was increased twice in 1957-58, the first increase being from \$40 to \$46 a month, effective July 1, 1957, and the second, from \$46 to \$55 a month, effective November 1, 1957. On both occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased.

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Act was not amended during the fiscal year 1959-60. Since its inception the main provisions have been as follows — $\,$

Period	Maximum allowance	Age requirement	Residence requirement	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21 years	10 years in Canada	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (with dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	\$40	18 years	10 years in Canada	\$ 960 (unmarried) 1,160 (with dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	18 years	10 years in Canada	\$1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (with dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
From November 1, 1957	\$55	18 years	10 years in Canada	\$1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (with dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

There were no amendments to the agreements during the fiscal year 1959-60, all of which provide for the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed as specified in the Act.

The Manitoba scheme for administration was altered with effect from June 30, 1959, by an amendment to The Blind Persons' Allowances Act (Manitoba) requiring applications for allowances to be made to the provincial authority instead of to local authorities. The change was approved by federal Order in Council P.C. 1959–9/1248 of October 1, 1959.

4. Administration - Federal

The medical examination of applicants for blindness allowances is a responsibility of the federal authorities. Oculists employed by the Federal Government report the results of their examinations to Ottawa. The decision as to whether an applicant fulfils the test for blindness in the Blind Persons Regulations is made by the Chief of the Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

During 1959-60 the Federal Government paid oculists' fees amounting to \$12,242.50. An additional amount of \$3,705.39 was paid for the travelling expenses of oculists.

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department is responsible for making federal payments to the provinces. The provinces' decisions are reviewed by federal examiners stationed in provincial offices. Provincial accounts are examined by the staff in Ottawa which also authorizes the payments to the provinces.

In dealing with the schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council, federal authorities must take into account provincial and territorial as well as federal legislation.

5. Administration—Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid by the provinces and territories under the authority of provincial and territorial legislation. Where the payments are made in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act and the regulations made under it, the provinces and territories may claim from the Government of Canada, seventy-five per cent of the net amount paid to recipients.

The following provincial and territorial legislation was in effect as at March 31, 1960 -

ALBERTA -The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955.

(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 629/57, filed December 24, 1957, Order in Council 528/55).

British Columbia -

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA -

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955 and Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session).

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December

11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952. (The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by the Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, as alledded by the Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 19, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1952, 1952 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, 1951, Chapter 1, Statutes of Ontario, 1951, (Second Session), as amended by Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1952, Chapter 5, Statutes of Ontario, 1955, Chapter 4, Statutes of Ontario, 1957, and Chapter 6, Statutes of Ontario, 1957, and Ontario, 1957, and Ontario, 1957, and Ontario, 1957, and Ontario, 1957, and Ontario, 1957, and O

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(Ontario Regulations 69/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 218/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, and by Ontario Regulations 62/57, made March 14, 1957, and

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957 and Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958. (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The actual administration of blindness allowances is the responsibility of provincial authorities appointed by the provincial and territorial governments. Applications are made to provincial authorities and recipients are paid by them. In all provinces the operations are carried on within the departments responsible for welfare.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities, provincial departments and senior provincial and territorial officials responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances as at March 31, 1960-

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton. Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—R. G. Hagen, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

British Columbia -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria. Minister — Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister — E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer — E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Manitoba-

Department - Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg. Minister - Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare. Deputy Minister – K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority – The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons'

Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Health and Social Services, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable J. F. McInerney, Minister of Health and Social Services.

Acting Chief Welfare Officer—J. E. Anderson, Department of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J. E. Anderson, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

Department – Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister – Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare. Deputy Minister - R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare. Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's. Chief Officer - R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

Nova Scotia-

Department – Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister – Honourable Malcolm S. Leonard, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister – F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority – Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer – H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department — Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister — Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister — J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

Chief Officer — M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department – Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister – Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister – W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority – Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer – I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Quebec-

Department — Department of Social Welfare, Quebec.

Minister — Honourable Jean Jacques Bertrand, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister — Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority — Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable T. J. Bentley, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons
Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National
Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Advisory Board, established by subsection (3) of section 11 of the Act, met in Ottawa on September 28 and 29, 1959, and recommended a number of changes in the Blind Persons Regulations. However, the changes had not been implemented by March 31, 1960.

The meeting in 1959 was the fifth since 1951 when federal and provincial authorities met on July 16th and 17th to consider regulations under the new Blind Persons Act. Other meetings were held on January 25th and 26th, 1954, September 20th and 21st, 1954 and November 5th and 6th, 1956.

The following are the main points considered by the Advisory Board at its meeting in 1959—

- 1. A revised definition of blindness clarifying technical points relating to the visual fields;
- 2. Particular reference in application forms to unemployment insurance and relief;
- 3. The procedure to be followed where a recipient refunds all amounts paid to him and later applies again for an allowance;

4. An alternative income charge where it is not possible to establish the immediate realizable value of a mortgage or agreement for sale or where the value is not considered by the provincial authority to be fair and reasonable:

5. A procedure for permitting the deduction of the cost of farm operating expenses from payments under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act;

6. Inclusion of changes in marital status and nursing home accounts with items to be taken into account in deciding whether recalculations should be made:

7. Provision for recalculation under the rules applying to real property where personal property owned by the recipient is used to acquire real property to be used as a home or to repair or improve real property either owned or acquired and used as a home;

8. Authority to pay the allowance up to the amount to which a recipient is entitled for the year where the allowance is suspended at the recipient's

request and later reinstated;

9. An extension of the period of absence from Canada for which the

allowance can be paid from 92 to 153 days;

Provision for the payment of the allowance for the month in which a
recipient commences to serve a term of imprisonment and for the month
he is released;

11. The deletion of the requirement that the recipient must have been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in order to allow recovery of an overpayment by monthly deductions from payments of allowance;

12. The deletion of the provision requiring the audit of provincial accounts

by the provincial auditor;

13. Provision for the distribution between the Government of Canada and the provinces of amounts recovered by federal authorities on account of sums owed to the provinces by recipients.

7. Blindness in Canada

A person is considered blind if the vision in both eyes with proper glasses is not more than 20/200 Snellen or if the visual fields of both eyes are constricted to a radius of less than 10 degrees. During the past year the Advisory Board considered a change in the terms of the regulations defining the visual field standards by which a person would be considered blind if the visual fields were constricted to a diameter of less than 20 degrees. The change in definition would be a technical one which would not materially alter the visual standards in the existing regulations.

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 23,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are more than 8,000 registered blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups

are as follows-

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	1,357 3,042	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection Same as above Same as above plus degenerative myopia Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of
65–69 years	8,161	central nervous system Same Same Same
Total	22,631	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 917 consecutive cases granted blindness allowances during the year ending March 31st, 1960. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it consists of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualified under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were—

Congenital eye defects	70
Cataract and other lens disorders	16
Diabetic retinopathy Optic atrophy of all types	10.5
Myopic degeneration	9.5
Primary glaucoma	9.4

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment to recipients of blindness allowance whose vision may be restored by treatment. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is seventy-five per cent. During the past fiscal year of a total of 105 blind recipients treated, 88 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of this plan in 1948, 626 recipients have been treated of whom 482 had their vision restored. In the early years of the plan the treatment procedures were almost entirely limited to cataract extractions. In recent years, corneal transplants have been undertaken with increasing frequency and with encouraging results. Of the 105 cases treated during the past year, 10 were corneal transplants of which 8 were successful.

8. Comparison with related Acts

There were no changes during 1959-60 in the federal plan for paying old age security at seventy or in the federal-provincial plans for providing old age assistance, blind persons allowances and disabled persons allowances. However, the Speech from the Throne on January 14, 1959, referred to an amendment to be made to the Old Age Security Act during the 1960 session of Parliament to establish a basis for payment of pensions to Canadians residing outside of Canada. The main features of the four plans as at March 31, 1960, were as follows—

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act		
Legislation	Federal Act	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same		
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same		
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same		
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%		
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years		
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same		
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same		

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Presons Act
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse	\$1,200—unmarried 1,680—unmarried— dependent child 1,980—married 2,100—married— blind spouse	\$ 960—unmarried 1,620—married 1,980—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of bilindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allow- ance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law

9. Changes from inception of blindness allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month); (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;(c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;

- (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
- (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

- 1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

 (The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).
- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
 (Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1960

	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Manitoba Rrunswick Newfoundland	Nova
			Act (Federal) of	Act (Federal) operative as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.	459	541	396	706	418	773
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	53 43	53 59	53 29	53 88	54 15	53 51
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1959-March 31, 1960.	223,872 96	263,096 68	195,335 91	348, 796 68	200,643 89	378,784 18
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	1,376,298 35	1,608,335 92	1,340,043 21	2,397,433 92	1,200,012 89	2,397,267 55

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	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Totoal
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	s from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,847	200	3,012	397	34	က	8,671
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.
Average monthly payment	50 27	53 21	54 06	53 70	49 08	22 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1959-March 31, 1960	839,339 82	41,727 08	1,494,170 00	195,648 92	14,936 24	1,815 00	4,198,167 36
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	5,650,226 18	277,962 70	9,805,241 02	1,264,660 73	63,862 49	12,650 25	27, 393, 995 21

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$53.05.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1959-60

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Total	39	53	30	55	35	61	· 215	5	245	31	5		774
Male Female	20	31 22	17	27 28	17	35 26	109	2 3	137	10 21	2 3		407 367
Married Single Widower Widow Separated Divoreed	11	18 20 9 3 3	15 8 1 2 4	29 16 1 6 3	20 13 1 1	19 26 1 10 5	83 77 9 23 20 3	2 3	109 102 8 17 9	14 7 1 7 2	2 2		336 285 22 78 46 7
Age 18-21. / 22-30. 31-40. 41-50. 51-60. 61-69. Over 70.	5 8 9 10	4 4 6 11 13 15	2 1 1 13 13	6 . 4 3 8 15 19	7 2 4 8 10 4	14 5 6 6 10 20	30 18 10 35 52 70	12 2 2	49 20 18 36 68 54	4 3 3 5 8	2 1 2		121 59 58 119 202 215
In cities. In towns. In villages. On farms.	16 12 4 7	38 2 4 9	10 10 4 6	8 5 42	8 1 26	12 16 28 5	110 91 14	4	106 33 93 13	10 3 5	5		319 173 189 113
Own homes. Rented houses or apts	26 1 7 4 1	15 18 12 4 1 3	14 4 8 2 2	29 7 14 5	12 12	23 9 20 4 5	66 28 59 35 24 3	4	51 58 78 38 20	7 7 10 4	2		256 132 226 96 54 10
Number receiving regular annual income—													
ension other than under Blind Persons Act Innuity of any kind pouse in receipt of old age security	4	6	1 1 2	3	1	6	20		7	2 1	1		49 3 19
Number receiving unemployment insurance.	2	5		1	1	4	18]		17				48

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 to 1959-60

	Age		1951–52	1952–53	1953–54	1954–55	1955–56	1956–57	1957–58	1958–59	1959–60
_	Tota	1	252(1)	862(2)	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774
	21	%	14 5.56	67 7.77	55 5.99	$\frac{64}{7.54}$					
18	-21	%					163 18.46	158 19.68	107 12.83	$122 \\ 11.76$	121 15.63
22	-30	%	18 7.14	98 11.37	88 9.59	91 10.72	97 10.99	61 7.60	76 9.11	88 8.49	59 7.62
31	-40	%	23 9.13	101 11.72	114 12.41	10.37	85 9.63	64 7.97	80 9.59	123 11.86	58 7.49
41	-50	%	43 17.06	124 14.39	133 14.49	134 15.78	108 12.23	114 14.20	111 13.31	166 16.01	119 15.37
51	-60	%	52 20.63	228 26.45	259 28.21	$\frac{264}{31.10}$	$232 \\ 26.27$	210 26.15	224 26.86	265 25.55	202 26.10
61	-69	%	102 40.48	244 28.31	269 29. 30	$\frac{206}{24.26}$	193 21.86	194 24.16	231 27.70	269 25.94	215 27.78
0	ver 70	%				2 .24	5 .57	.25	.60	.39	

^{(1)—}Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952. (1) and (2)—Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

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ducation	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tota
Not 18 years of age Unable to prove age. Too much income. Not sufficient residence. Unable to prove residence. War veterans allowance. Whereabouts unknown. Refused information Unable to meet blind test. Old age assistance. Old age security Over 70 years. In jail.	5 1	1 9	5 2 1 1 1 1 12	29	17	10 3 28 3	23 1 5 1 1 65 1	5	21 1 3 193 2	2 222			38
Total	13	15	23	35	18	45	97	6	227	31			51

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Tota
Withdrawn	1	4	6 2	2		5	7	1	8	3 2			3
Total	2	5	> 8	2		6	8	1	9	5			4

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1959—March 31, 1960		25	20	29	15	21	72	2	104	20			328
From inception of Blind Persons	182	206	191	237	111	207	713	22	944	147	3	1	2,964

PROOF OF AGE

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by-													
Certificate of birth	17	34	13	18	1	25	131	3	5	22	2		271
Certificate of baptism	7	5	3	24	29	29	39	2	216	6			360
Census records alone			10		2	6	10		1				29
Old Bible records	1						1		4				6
Other records	13	14	4	13	3	1	34		19	3	3		107
Tribunal	1												1

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single	15 11	16	7	14	9	30	75 27	3	93	12	3		277

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY SINGLE

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AVERAGE BLINDNESS ALLOWANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1959-60

Province					1959						1960	
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November December	December	January	February	March
Alberta	52.92	53.11	53.07	53.14	53.09	53.24	53.40	53 47	52 R9	000	0000	
British Columbia	53.59	53.64	53.63	53.57	53.66	53.69	53.65	53.62	53.70	53.75	53 67	53.50
Manitoba	53.33	53.32	53.40	53.39	53.46	53.39	53.35	53.33	53.33	53.25	53. 18	53.29
New Brunswick	53.69	53.68	53.82	53.85	53.89	54.02	54.00	53.86	53.91	53.86	53.83	53.88
Newfoundland	54.28	54.27	54.39	54.37	54.27	54.18	54.23	54.11	54.11	54.11	54.12	54 15
Nova Scotia.	53.39	53.40	53,45	53.38	53.39	53.44	53.48	53.41	53,54	153	53.51	K2 K1
Ontario	50.54	50.59	50.69	50.71	50.65	50.71	50.60	50.63	50.54	50.49	50.01	50.01
Prince Edward Island.	53, 48	53.48	53.48	53.39	53.39	53.39	53.36	53.81	53.66	53.50	53.36	52 91
Quebec	54.01	54.06	54.06	54.09	54.06	54.12	54.12	54.12	54.05	54.07		54.08
Saskutchewun	53.19	53.08	53.18	53.25	53, 29	53.37	53.30	53.35	53,38	53.44	53.51	53 70
North West Territories	52.07	52.07	52.07	52.24	52.24	52.24	52.24	52.24	51.73	52.11	50.55	49.08
Yukon Territory	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00

12. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Total	92	. 446	411	414	318	307	322	326	328	2,964
Yukon Territory										-
Northwest Territories			:				₩	63		co
Saskat- chewan		16	17	27	18	17	16	15	20	147
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	81	98	86	104	944
Prince Edward Island		63	co	ಣ	60	70	60	-	2	22
Ontario	19	114	93	88	. 72	2.2	16	, 55 , 53	72	713
Nova	9	32	28	29	14	30	. 24	23	21	207
New- foundland	+-4	13	18	Ħ	14	15	6	122	15	111
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	26	23	29	237
Manitoba	9	36	35	30	14	21	15	14	20	191
British	₽=	20	32	93	25	30	21	23	25	206
Alberta	-1	26	14	19	28	16	23	29	20	182
Fiscal Year	1951–52	1952–53	1953–54	1954–55	1955–56.	1956-57	1957–58	1958-59	1959-69.	Total

13. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Total	8, 079 8, 332 8, 212 8, 122 8, 230 8, 236 8, 400 8, 747	8,736 8,725 8,736 8,736 8,737 8,712 8,712 8,638 8,639 8,639
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Saskat- chewan	343 342 366 374 389 412 412	4114 4113 4112 4112 400 400 894 894 894
Quebec	3, 013 3, 013 8, 041 2, 949 2, 966 2, 905 2, 918 2, 956 3, 056	3,045 3,067 3,067 3,067 3,067 3,066 3,089 3,016
Prince Edward Island	74.2 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 20.0 2	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Ontario	1, 604 1, 751 1, 710 1, 710 1, 713 1, 713 1, 713 1, 720 1, 833	1, 833 1, 833 1, 833 1, 834 1, 836 1, 836 1, 845 1, 845
Nova Scotia	734 722 718 706 726 714 745 787	780 787 787 787 788 788 784 776 776
New- foundland	321 336 338 338 338 340 407 407	403 398 398 405 405 406 411 411 417
New Brunswick	783 760 731 706 717 719 715 724	725 725 722 710 705 705 709 709 709 709 709
Manitoba	401 401 405 411 402 403 392 409 409	4 4 03 4 4 04 4 4 04 4 4 02 4 4 02 8 3 9 8 3 9 8 3 9 8 3 9 8
British	884 4 4 4 4 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	538 543 545 545 553 553 544 544 544 544 544
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Fiscal Year	- ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::	May 1955 June 1969 July 1969 August 1960 October 1969 October 1969 November 1960 January 1960 February 1960

14. Number and percentage of recipients as at March 31, 1960, receiving maximum and reduced allowance payments

Total	459	541	386	206	418	773	1,847	10 00	3,012	397	34.	60	8,671
Less than \$5	. 87	.19			2.24		.27		.01.				14
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\$15-19.99	244.	1.29	1.77	.574		.13	16		08.	.25			47
\$20-24.99	.22	.372	.61		.96	.52	2.76		. 23 -4	.25	2.94		73
\$25-29.99			.25	.71	1.24	70° 0°	8.12	2.35	08.	.76			2.03
\$30-34.99		S. 10	1.01	14.	1.24	.26	16		. 23		2.94		35
\$35-39.99	4.	.93	.51	1.27		18.	1.08	3.53	16	1.26			71.82
\$40-44.99	4.8.	60 70	3.76	4.	.48	1.16	1.25	2.35	16	.25			77.
\$45-49.99	13	1.29	1.26	2.12	.72	1.94	1,14	1.18	36	1.26			121
\$50-54.99	03 HD	1.85	.25	1.13	1 .24	1.81	2.65	2.35	35	.76			126
89 50 50	427	501	369	93.06	404	91.72	1,479	88.24	2,857 94.85	374 94.20	85.29	100.00	7,884
Province	AltsNo.	B.C. No.	Man No.	N.B	Nfidhho.	N.S	Ont	P.E.I. No.	Que	Sask	N.W.T	Y.T	Total.

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Total	\$ cts.	721,449 24 25 2985,217 00 2 914,100 92 2,918,40 10 07 2,918,40 11 3,575,724 04 4,225,181 48 350,889 91 381,689 91 381,889	4, 199, 152, 22	328 29 4, 198, 167 36
Yukon Terri- tory	s ots.	180 00 720 90 720 90 11,380 00 2,289 50 2,585 75 165 00 165 1,815 00	1,815 00	
Northwest Territories	\$ ots.	90 00 4,574 00 4,575 50 5,175 00 7,447 50 10,880 75 1,132 50 1,132 50 1,132 50 1,138 25 1,138	14,936 24	14, 936 24
Saskat- chewan	s cts.	692 692 670 670 670 670 671 693 693 693 693 693 693 693 693 693 693	195,686 42	12 50
Quebec	s cts.	9002 1799	, 494,211 25	
Prince Edward Island	\$ cts.	460 17 680 54 1126 12 275 27 287 27 287 287 287 287 288 337 70 489 25 583 90 401 40 401 40 401 63 318 90 318 90	41, 727, 08	41,727 08
Ontario	s cts.	984 984 977 977 977 977 977 977 977 977 977 97	839,639 65	
Nova	s cts.	199 717 727 787 660 968 968 968 968 770 770 770 770 771 771 771 771 771 771	378,865 93	
New- foundland	\$ cts.	28, 237 111, 936 111, 936 119, 960 112, 952 112, 952 113, 571 113, 571 114, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 116, 108 117, 118 117, 117, 117, 118	200,643 89	200,643 89
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	69, 185 98 273, 940 64 273, 940 64 226, 747 58 226, 747 58 226, 747 62 258, 382 33 310, 480 62 29, 1081 60 29, 1081 60 29, 1081 60 29, 1082 60 29, 1083 80 29, 1084 81 29, 1084 81 28, 1084 80	348, 796 68	348 796 68
Manitoba	s cts.	35,948 87 152,548 91 145,548 91 145,043 60 145,043 60 147,725 00 147,725 00 147,725 00 147,725 00 147,725 00 16,788 95 16,005 17 16,005	105,335 91	195,335 91
British Columbia	s cts.		76 00	19 00
Alberta	s cts.		623 38	155 85
Fiscal Year		1951-82 1962-53 1962-54 1963-65 1965-66 1965-66 1965-67 1965-67 1965-70 1965-7	Deduct— Amounts recovered account of overpayments.	Add— Amounts reimbursed provinces account of overpayments Total 1959 60.

16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities — Ordinary Life Plan
MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1,000 AT CERTAIN AGES

		Monthly Annu	ity for \$1,000
	Age	Male	Female
Born 1931–40	21	3.74	3.65
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
Вогл 1921-30	26	3.87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
Born 1911-20	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
Born 1901-10	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
	55	5.74	5.16
	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6.50
Born 1891–1900	56	6.01	5.34
	60	6.59	5.83
	65	7.55	6.64
	70	8.93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
Born 1890 and before	66	8.03	7.00
	70	9.23	8.03
	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

Note - These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

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Report on the Administration of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada

Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955), 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) and 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58).

> FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1961

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To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1961, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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OTTAWA, April 1, 1961.

The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1961, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Оттаwa, April 1, 1961.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

FISCAL YEAR 1960-61

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The operation of the agreements between Canada and the provinces under the Blind Persons Act continued throughout 1960-61 without any change. The number of recipients of blind persons allowances in the ten provinces and the two territories as at March 31, 1961 was 8,642. Federal payments to the provinces, being seventy-five per cent of the provinces' and territories' expenditure for allowances, amounted to \$4,161,832.93.

The provincial authorities appointed to administer blind persons allowances considered 1,265 applications during 1960-61. Of this number 698 were approved, 520 were declined (381 for medical reasons) and 47 were not completed. Of the number not completed 35 were withdrawn by the applicants and 12 were not settled prior to the date of death. There were 292 recipients who attained the age of seventy and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

From January 1, 1952, the date on which the Blind Persons Act came into operation, to March 31, 1961, federal payments to the provinces amounted to \$31,555,828.14. During the same period 3,256 persons receiving blindness allowances attained the age of seventy years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act during the last eight fiscal years are shown in the following summary—

Fiscal year	Applications approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
1					\$ cts.
1953-54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07
1954-55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955-56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956–57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957–58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958-59	1,037	685	326		
1959-60.	774			8,747	4,235,131 48
	114	556	328	8,671	4,198,167 36
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4,161,832 93
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Further statistical information is shown in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

There have been three amendments to the Act since it came into operation on January 1, 1952. The first amendment was made in 1955 when the qualifying

age was lowered from twenty-one to eighteen years and the maximum amounts of income allowed were increased. The other two, made in 1957, increased the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed. The following is a summary of the changes—

Period	Maximum allowance	Age requirement	Residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21 years	10 years	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	\$4 0	18 years	10 years	\$ 960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	\$46	18 years	10 years	\$1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
From November 1, 1957	\$55	. 18 years	10 years	\$1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories under the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not changed during the fiscal year 1960-61. Each agreement specifies the maximum allowance payable and the maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act.

4. Administration—Federal

Federal administration of allowances for blind persons is the responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Blindness Control Division in the Health Branch is responsible for medical decisions. Medical examinations are made by oculists appointed for that purpose. Decisions based on their reports are made by the Chief of the Blindness Control Division.

The Old Age Assistance Division deals with payments to the provinces. Federal examiners stationed in the provinces review the provinces' decisions to establish whether they are made in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act and regulations. The provinces' accounts are audited at Ottawa.

Before an agreement can be made with a province, the province must submit a scheme for administration for the approval of the Governor in Council. A scheme for administration that has been approved can not be altered except with the approval of the Governor in Council. Federal supervision of provincial schemes for administration is also a responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division.

The fees of oculists employed to examine applicants are paid by the Federal Government as well as certain travelling expenses in connection with medical examinations. In the fiscal year 1960-61 oculists' fees amounted to \$12,823.00. Travelling expenses were \$2,421.32.

5. Administration—Provincial

Blind persons allowances are administered by the provinces and territories under the authority of provincial and territorial legislation. The following provincial Acts and regulations were in effect as at March 31, 1961—

ALBERTA-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955 and Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session).

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by the Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957.

(There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960. (Ontario Regulations 69/52, made February 7, 1952, and filed February 8, 1952, as amended by Ontario Regulations 218/56, made November 1, 1956, and filed November 5, 1956, by Ontario Regulations 62/57, made March 14, 1957, and filed March 19, 1957, and by Ontario Regulations 151/60, made June 9, 1960, and filed June 13, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951)

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955. (The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session).

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958.

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Provincial authorities appointed by the provinces and territories administer blindness allowances and all applications must be made to them. The provincial authorities are also responsible for paying allowances to persons whose applications are approved. In the provinces the operations are carried on within the departments responsible for welfare.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities and provincial welfare departments with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and chief administrative officers as at March 31, 1961-

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton. Minister—Honourable R. D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.
Chief Officer—W. P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria. Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria, Minister—Honourable W. D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E. R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E. W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department—Department of Health and Public Welfare, Winnipeg. Minister - Honourable George Johnson, Minister of Health and Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister-K. O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board,

Winnipeg.

Chief Officer—L. D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons'

Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W. R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare. Deputy Minister-J. E. Anderson, Department of Youth and Welfare. Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton. Chief Officer—H. G. Kimball, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's. Minister-Honourable B. J. Abbott, Minister of Public Welfare. Deputy Minister—R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—R. R. Roberts, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

Nova Scotia-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax. Minister—Honourable W. S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister—F. R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.
Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.
Chief Officer—H. S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J. S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer—I. G. McLaren, Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J. R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A. M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister—J. S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority—Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer—A. W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—R. G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—W. G. Brown, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons
Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National
Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner—F. H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority—H. J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

At its meeting in September of 1959 the Advisory Board recommended several amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations. These were approved with effect from July 1, 1960 by Order in Council P.C. 1960-897 of June 29, 1960. The amendments dealt with the following—

- 1. A revised definition of blindness clarifying technical points relating to the visual fields;
- 2. Particular reference in application forms to unemployment insurance and relief;
- 3. The procedure to be followed where a recipient refunds all amounts paid to him and later applies again for an allowance;
- 4. An alternative income charge where it is not possible to establish the immediate realizable value of a mortgage or agreement for sale or where the value is not considered by the provincial authority to be fair and reasonable;
- 5. A procedure for permitting the deduction of the cost of farm operating expenses from payments under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act;
- Inclusion of changes in marital status and nursing home accounts with items to be taken into account in deciding whether recalculations should be made;
- 7. Provision for recalculation under the rules applying to real property where personal property owned by the recipient is used to acquire real property to be used as a home or to repair or improve real property either owned or acquired and used as a home;

8. Authority to pay the allowance up to the amount to which a recipient is entitled for the year where the allowance is suspended at the recipient's request and later reinstated;

9. An extension of the period of absence from Canada for which the

allowance can be paid from 92 to 153 days;

10. Provision for the payment of the allowance for the month in which a recipient commences to serve a term of imprisonment and for the month he is released;

11. The deletion of the requirement that the recipient must have been guilty of fraud or misrepresentation in order to allow recovery of an overpayment by monthly deductions from payments of allowance;

2. The deletion of the provision requiring the audit of provincial accounts

by the provincial auditor:

13. Provision for the distribution between the Government of Canada and the provinces of amounts recovered by federal authorities on account of sums owed to the provinces by recipients.

Following the amendments, the Blind Persons Regulations were consolidated by Order in Council P.C. 1960-1716 of December 16, 1960. The same Order in Council revoked the regulations made by Order in Council P.C. 1955-49 of January 13, 1955, as amended.

The Advisory Board has met five times, on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

The definition of blindness was revised during 1960-61. The change in the definition was a technical one which did not materially alter the visual standards. A person is considered blind if the vision in both eyes with proper glasses is not more than 20/200 Snellen or if the field of vision in both eyes is a diameter less than twenty degrees.

The revised definition was approved by Order in Council P.C. 1960-897 of

June 29, 1960, with effect from July 1, 1960.

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 24,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered nearly 9,000 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows—

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	1,603	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection Same as above Same as above plus degenerative myopia Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,369 8,937 25	Same Same
Total	23,800	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 739 consecutive cases granted blindness allowances during the year ending March 31st, 1961. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it consists of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualified under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were-

	%
Congenital eye defects	
Cataract and other lens disorders	17
Diabetic retinopathy	10.5
Optic atrophy of all types	
Myopic degeneration	
Primary glaucoma	

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment to recipients of blindness allowance whose vision may be restored by treatment. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is seventy-five per cent. During the past fiscal year of a total of 105 blind recipients treated, 80 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of this plan in 1948, 731 recipients have been treated of whom 562 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The three federal-provincial plans providing old age assistance, allowance for blind persons and allowances for disabled persons were not changed during 1960-61. However, the federal plan for paying old age security at seventy was changed to provide that payments could continue in the case of a pensioner outside of Canada if such pensioner had been in Canada for at least 25 years after attaining the age of 21 years. The amending Act, Chapter 34, Statutes of Canada, 1960, was given Royal Assent on July 7, 1960. The amendment was effective from July 1, 1960.

The main features of the four plans as at March 31, 1961 were as follows -

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$55 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$ 960-unmarried 1,620-married 1,980-married- blind spouse	\$ 1,200-unmarried 1,680-unmarried- dependent child 1,980-married 2,100-married- blind spouse	\$ 960-unmarried 1,620-married 1,980-married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	ance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over—Date of Assent March 31, 1937.

- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act—P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension—P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being—
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;

- (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
- (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year—Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

- 1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament—Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

 (The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).
- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

 (Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed—Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1961

		Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova Scotia
				Act (Federal) operative as from	erative as from		
	<u> </u>	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients.		461 cts.	\$ cts.	380 cts.	696 cts.	422 st.	786 cts.
Average monthly payment		52 82	53 26	53 23	53 84	54 40	53 40
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1960—March 31 1961.	1960-March 31,	220,877 97	269,049 52	187,225 71	341,685 95	208,130 83	380,910 70
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act.	ion of the Blind	1,597,176 32	1,877,385 44	1,527,268 92	2,739,119 87	1,408,143 72	2,778,178 25
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.	1,845	. 81	2,949	409	42	က	8,642
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Average monthly payment	50 51	53 63	53 90	53 20	50 71	55 00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1960-March 31, 1961	840,963 74	39,763 96	1,456,778 84	196, 127 28	18,833 43	1,485 00	4,161,832 93
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	6, 491, 189 92	317,726 66	11,262,019 86	1,460,788 01	82,695 92	14,135 25	31,555,828 14

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$52.97.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1960-61 APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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nber receiving regular annual income— sion other than under Blind Persons Act. uity of any kind. use in receipt of old age security. aber receiving unemployment	2	8	1 1	1	3	1	5		4 5 2	1	1		23 8 20
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APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1960-61

Age		1951-52	1952–53	1953–54	1954–55	1955–56	1956–57	1957-58	1958-59	1959–60	1960-6
Total		252(1)	862(2)	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774	698
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18-21	%					163 18.46	158 19.68	107 12.83	122 11.76	121 15.63	109 15.62
22–30	%	18 7.14	98 11.37	88 9.59	91 10.72	97 10.99	7.60	76 9.11	88 8.49	59 7.62	7.31
31-40	%	23 9.13	101 11.72	114 12.41	88 10.37	85 9.63	64 7.97	80 9.59	123 11.86	58 7.49	78 10.46
41–50	%	43 17.06	124 14.39	133 14.49	134 15.78	108 12.23	114 14.20	111	166 16.01	119 15.37	113 16.19
51–60	%	52 20.63	228 26.45	259 28.21	264 31.10	232 26.27	210 26.15	224 26.86	265 25.55	202 26.10	187 26.79
61-69	%	102 40.48	244 28.31	269 29.30	206 24.26	193 21.86	194 24.16	231 27.70	269 25.94	215 27.78	164 23.50
Over 70	%				.24	.57	.25	5 .60	.39		.14

^{(1)—}Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952. (1) and (2)—Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

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DEATHS DURING 1960-61

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NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.			Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
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PROOF OF AGE

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AVERAGE BLINDNESS ALLOWANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1960-61

Decarings					1960						1961	
	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Alberta	53.70	53, 48	53.17	53.07	53.07	53.07	52.94	52.97	52.86	53.02	52.86	52.82
British Columbia	53.53	53.51	53.46	53.51	53.53	53.41	53.37	53.33	53.41	53.31	53.29	53.26
Manitoba	53.31	53.21	53.21	53.26	53.27	53.25	53, 23	53.35	53.33	53.30	53.20	53,23
New Brunswick	53.88	53.83	53.85	53.84	53.73	53.75	53.68	53.68	53.71	53.69	53.83	53.84
Newfoundland	54.16	54.05	54.08	54.09	54.05	53.98	53.97	53.96	54.01	54.28	54.46	54.40
Nova Scotia	53.51	53.47	53.44	53.34	53.29	53.21	53.27	53.27	53,34	53,39	53,35	53.40
Ontario	50.25	50.29	50.23	50.20	50.25	50.29	50.33	50.31	50,39	50.38	50.51	50.51
Prince Edward Island	52.76	52.73	52.71	52.71	52.87	52.87	52.85	53.17	53,35	53.65	53.65	53.63
Quebec	54.04	53.99	53.94	53.96	53.91	53.80	53.85	53.87	53.86	53,88	53.89	53.90
Saskatchewan	53.75	53.63	53.61	53.41	53.40	53.49	53.39	53,38	53.39	53.28	53.41	53.20
Northwest Territories	47.61	48.21	49.41	50.68	51.05	51.12	51.31	51.83	51.98	51.98	51.90	50.71
Yukon Territory	55.00	55.00	55.00	92.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00
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12. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

Total	92	446	411	414	318	307	322	326	328	292	3,256
Yukon Territory							ī				-
Northwest Territories							1	67			60
Saskat- chewan	-	16	17	27	18	17	16	. 15	50	14	161
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	18	98	86	104	101	1,045
Prince Edward Island		67	co	60	ಣ	IQ.	60	-	63	60	25
Ontario	. 19	114	93	98	72	77	26	88	72	63	776
Nova	9	32	58	29	14	30	24	23	21	18	225
Newfoundland	1	13	18	11	14	15	63	15	15	=	122
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	26	23	29	25	262
Manitoba	9	36	32	30	14	21	15	14	20	22	213
British Columbia	1-	20	32	333	25	20	21	23	25	21	227
Alberta	7	26	14	19	28	16	23	29	20	14	196
Fiscal Year	1951–52	1952–53	1953–54	1954–55	1955–56	1956-57	1957–58.	1958–59	1959–60	1960-61	Total

13. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Total	8 020	8 332	8.214	8.122	8 230	8,256	8. 400	0 737	1 to 0	0,011		8,665	8,651	8,665	6,000 8,057	0,001	8,627	0,013	8,005	8.667	8,647	8,642
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Northwest Territories	-	' II	13	16	18	22	27	000	7 60	3		- co	90	000	000	30	41	41	43	43	42	42
Saskat- chewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397			2887	980	405	404	402	401	399	400	404	404	409
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,849	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012			3,000	2,003	3,000	2,993	2,994	2,989	2,974	2,961	2,961	2,956	2,949
Prince Edward Island	75	7.9	06	92	96	06	96	200	300		. 0	0 10	8.4	2000	84	84	88	820	83	002	000	18
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847		1 049	1,833	1,840	1,846	1,840	1,828	1,846	1,833	1,844	1,850	I,850	1,845
Nova	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773		77.4	2776	222	782	782	787	790	799	798	782	60/	100
New- foundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418		420	421	421	424	422	421	421	423	425	424	177	200
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British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	202	230	541		547	542	540	541	0.40	0000	580	583	564	563	268	
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459		451	455	459	456	45.6	484	463	468	463	463	461	
Fiscal Year	1951 52	1952–53	1953-54	1951-55	1955-56	1956 57	1957-58	1958 59	1959-60	1960 61	April 1960				her		er			February 1961		-

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1961, receiving Maximum and Reduced Allowance Payments

Total	461	568	380	969	422	786	1,845	81	2,949	409	42	00	8,642
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\$30-34.99		**************************************	.55.2	.72		.51	988.		14	.24			87.
\$35-39.99	1.30	1.40	1.05	98.	.47	.89	1.08	1.23	16.	*98			74
\$40-44.99	1,08	1.06	.79	473	.24	1.27	1.30	2.47	19.64	486.			78
\$15-49.99	1.74	1.23	1.05	1.72	.71	2.23	1.46		34	1.47			119
\$50-54.99	48.	1.93	.79	1.150	.47	2.54	2.28	3.70	1,18	.49			130
\$555	422 91.54	516	352	93.25	97.39	711	1,507	90.12	2,776	379	38 90.48	100.00	7,837
Province	Alta No. %	B.C	Man	N.BNo.	NfdNo.	N.S	Ont	P.E.I No.	Que No.	Sask	N.W.T	Y.T	Total

15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Total	s cts.	51 1S	2, 414, 109 07 2, 886 184 15	2, 939, 525, 71 2, 939, 525, 71 3, 575, 721, 94	1, 205, 181, 45 1, 198, 167, 36	314, 115, 60	317, 30,1 12	HF. 4-11 5H	2.55, 78.1 GO	518, 211 IS	# 7 C	25, 25, 60	1, 142, 770, 94		1, 600 11	312 68	E 1, 185 00 1,161,82 93
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Quebec	\$ cts.	271	1,057,541 NO 1,028,750 SN	1,046,322 67 1,244,975 17	1,560, 556 55	121, 110, 27	121, 847, 81	出り、	11, 57, 70			120, 250 92	1 1/2/15	1 8		20 00	
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Nova Scotia	\$ cts.	253,717,72	251,717,55	258,985 212,985 gr	27.72 X	21. 22.	12	No.	123.1	22, 622, 92 21 081 02			380,940,70	-			380,910 20.
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16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan
MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1,000 AT CERTAIN AGES

		Monthly Annuity for \$1,000				
	Age	Male	Female			
Born 1931-40	21	3.74	3.65			
	25	3.82	3.71			
	30	3.95	3.81			
	35	4.11	3.94			
Born 1921–30	26	3.87	3.75			
	30	3.98	3.84			
	35	4.15	3.97			
	40	4.37	4.13			
	45	4.66	4.35			
Born 1911–20	36	4.25	4.03			
	40	4.44	4.17			
	45	4.74	4.40			
	50	5.12	4.69			
	55	5.60	5.08			
Born 1901–10	46	4.90	4.50			
	50	5.23	4.75			
	55	5.74	5.16			
	60	6.40	5.72			
	65	7.32	6.50			
Born 1891–1900	56	6.01	5.34			
	60	6.59	5.83			
	65	7.55	6.64			
	70	8.93	7.82			
	75	10.99	9.62			
Born 1890 and before	66	8.03	7.00			
	70	9.23	8.03			
	75	11.33	9.83			
	80	14.53	12.67			
	85	19.65	17.30			

Note—These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, CANADA.





REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

1961 . 2

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955) 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58) 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1962

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ROGER DUHAMEL, F.R.S.C. QUEEN'S PRINTER AND CONTROLLER OF STATIONERY OTTAWA, 1962 To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1962, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH

Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1962.

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The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1962, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1962.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1961-62

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons are payable in all parts of Canada to the persons and under the conditions specified in the Blind Persons Act and the Blind Persons Regulations. As at March 31, 1962, the number of recipients was 8,573. Federal contributions to the provinces and territories representing seventy-five per cent of the expenditure for the fiscal year amounted to \$4,129,852.26.

There were 1,204 applications considered and of this number 707 were approved, 451 were declined (303 for medical reasons) and 46 were not completed. Of the applications not completed 26 were withdrawn and 20 were not settled prior to the date of the applicant's death. There were 308 recipients who attained the age of seventy years and were granted old age security paid wholly by the Government of Canada.

Federal payments from January 1, 1952, to March 31, 1962 have amounted to \$35,685,680.40. In the same period 3,564 persons to whom blindness allowances had been granted were transferred to the administration of the Old Age Security Act.

The following summary shows the operations of the Blind Persons Act over the last nine years —

Fiscal year	Applica- tions approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07
1954-55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955–56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956-57	803	506	307	8.256	2,959,525 74
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958-59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4,235,131 48
1959-60	774	556	328	8,671	4, 198, 167 36
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4, 161, 832 93
1961–62	707	497	308	8,573	4,129,852 26

The maximum allowance was increased twice in 1957-58, the first increase being from \$40 to \$46 a month, effective July 1, 1957, and the second, from \$46 to \$55 a month, effective November 1, 1957. In 1961-62 there was a further increase from \$55 to \$65 a month, effective February 1, 1962. On all three occasions the maximum amounts of income allowed were also increased.

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

In the Speech from the Throne of January 18, 1962, reference was made to legislation to increase the amount to which the Federal Government would contribute under the Blind Persons Act.

The following Government Notice of Motion was published in Votes and Proceedings of January 25, 1962-

January 25 - The Minister of National Health and Welfare:

That the House do go into Committee of the Whole at its next sitting to consider the following proposed resolution which has been recommended to the House by His Excellency:—

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Blind Persons Act to increase to sixty-five dollars per month the maximum amount of allowance in respect of which payments may be made to the province under the provisions of that Act, and to increase the total amount of allowable income, inclusive of allowance, by one hundred and eighty dollars a year in the case of an unmarried person and three hundred and sixty dollars a year in the case of a married person.

The proposed resolution was debated in the House of Commons on February 7, 1962 and on the same date was reported and concurred in. Thereupon the Minister moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-56 to amend the Blind Persons Act. The Motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the first time. The Bill was as follows —

5th Session, 24th Parliament, 10-11 Elizabeth II, 1962.
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL C-56.

An Act to amend the Blind Persons Act.

R.S., c. 17; 1955, c. 26; HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the 1957-58, c. 4. Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1957-58, c. 4, 1. (1) Subsection (1) of section 3 of the *Blind Persons Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

Agreements with provinces.

- "3. (1) The Minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may, on behalf of the Government of Canada, make an agreement with a province to provide for the payment to the province, in accordance with this Act and the regulations, of amounts in respect of allowances paid by the province pursuant to provincial law, not exceeding, in respect of any recipient, seventy-five per cent of sixty-five dollars monthly or of the amount of the allowance paid by the province monthly to the recipient, whichever is the lesser."
- 1957-58, c. 4, (2) Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3 of the said 8.1(2). Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(c) is

 (i) an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, and his income, inclusive of allowance,

- is not more than thirteen hundred and eighty dollars a year,
- (ii) an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, and his income, inclusive of allowance, is not more than eighteen hundred and sixty dollars a year,
- (iii) married and living with his spouse, and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than twenty-three hundred and forty dollars a year, or
- (iv) married and living with his spouse who is blind, and the total income, inclusive of allowance, of the recipient and his spouse is not more than twenty-four hundred and sixty dollars a year."

Coming 2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on into force. the 1st day of February, 1962.

On February 9, 1962, the Minister moved the second reading of Bill No. C-56 to amend the Blind Persons Act. After a brief debate the motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time. Following discussion in committee the House passed the Bill on the same date.

Bill No. C-56 was passed by the Senate on February 14, 1962, receiving Royal Assent on February 15, 1962, as Chapter 2 of the Statutes of Canada, 1962. The effective date was February 1, 1962.

Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as shown in the following summary —

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$ 40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
From February 1, 1962	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Before amendments to the Blind Persons Act can become effective in a province, the agreement made by the province with Canada must be amended.

Following the amendments of 1962 and prior to or shortly after the close of the fiscal year, the agreements with all provinces and the Yukon Territory were amended to provide for the payment of a maximum allowance of \$780 a year (\$65 a month) and to permit the increased amounts of maximum income as shown in the Act as amended.

The Provinces of British Columbia and Newfoundland amended their agreements with effect from April 1, 1962. In the other eight provinces and the Yukon Territory the effective date was February 1, 1962. At March 31, 1962, the matter of completing an amending agreement was under consideration in the Northwest Territories.

The Order in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada was P.C. 1962-221 of February 16, 1962.

4. Administration - Federal

The administration of the Blind Persons Act is a responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare. Medical decisions on applications for blindness allowances are made in the Blindness Control Section of the Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch. Medical reports on applicants are furnished by examining oculists appointed by the Department.

Decisions made by the provinces are examined by members of the Old Age Assistance Division stationed in the provinces. Provincial accounts are audited by the Division at Ottawa and payments to the provinces are made by the Comptroller of the Treasury.

Provincial schemes for the administration of allowances are approved by the Governor in Council prior to the completion of agreements.

The Federal Government is responsible for the payment of medical fees and the travelling expenses of oculists. For the fiscal year 1961-62 oculists' fees amounted to \$12,180.00 and their travelling expenses were \$2,539.29.

5. Administration - Provincial

The provinces and territories deal with all applications for blindness allowances. Payments to applicants who qualify for allowances are made under the authority of provincial and territorial legislation. The following provincial Acts and territorial Ordinances were in effect as at March 31, 1962 —

ALBERTA-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session),

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955 and Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session).

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957, and Manitoba Regulation 15/62, filed February 27, 1962).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), and Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session).

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958.

(The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

Each province and territory has appointed a "provincial authority" defined in the federal Act as "the officer or body charged with the administration of the provincial law." In the provinces the provincial authorities operate within the provincial welfare departments.

The following is a list of the provincial authorities and provincial welfare departments with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers and chief administrative officers as at March 31, 1962-

ALBERTA-

Department-Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton,

Minister-Honourable R.D. Jorgenson, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister-D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority-The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer-W.P. Bullock, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department-Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister-Honourable W.D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister-E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority-Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer-E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department-Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister-Honourable John A. Christianson, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister-K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer-L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W.R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.E. Anderson, Department of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H.G. Kimball, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable C.M. Lane, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A.J. McCrowe, Acting Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W.S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department—Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister—Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister-Fernand Dostie, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J.R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department-Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister-Honourable A.M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister -J.S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority-Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer-A.W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner-R.G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority-W. Rudnicki, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind

Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs

and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner-F.H. Collins, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority-H.J. Taylor, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations during the fiscal year 1961-62. The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations considered necessary or advisable did not meet during the year. Since the Act was passed by Parliament in 1951 the Advisory Board has met on five occasions, on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom just over 24,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are nearly 9,000 registered blind persons over age 70. The figures for different age groups as at March 31, 1962, are as follows —

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	349	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-20 years	1,835	Same as above
21-39 years	3,087	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40-64 years	7,878	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,375	Same
70-99 years	8,848	Same
Over 100 years	13	Same
Total	24,385	

The causes of blindness were recorded in 803 consecutive cases granted blindness allowances during the year ending March 31, 1962. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

	%
Congenital eye defects	16
Cataract and other lens disorders	17
Diabetic retinopathy	9
Optic atrophy of all types	10
Myopic degeneration	2 5
Primary glaucoma	0

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the fiscal year out of a total of 112 blind recipients treated, 90 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of this plan in 1948, 843 recipients have been treated of whom 652 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act. These four Acts provide assistance, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1962.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$65 a month	Same	Same	Same

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~	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse	\$1,380-unmarried 1,860-unmarried- dependent child 2,340-married 2,460-married- blind spouse	\$1,140—unmarried 1,980—married 2,340—married— blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B., sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blind- ness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maxi- mum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow-ance, maximum income allowed and any conditions of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment sus- pended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240

a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.

1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension — P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.

1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being —

- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
- (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
- (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
- (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
- (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
- (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
- (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions

of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at Warch 31, 1962.

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		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova
				Act (Federal) o	Act (Federal) operative as from		
		Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients		454	563	378	269	429	771
Average monthly payment		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
March 31, 1962 March 31, 1962 Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind	otion of the Blind	222,544 66	270,365 01	188,334 84	349,236 84	208,816 27	386,324 97
Persons Act.		1,819,720 98	2,147,750 45	1,715,603 76	3,088,356 71	1,616,959 99	3,164,503 22
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	rom		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,846	80	2,901	406	45	6	0,573
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	e cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962	836,687 45	40,167 53	1,412,001 61	193,308 08	20.580 00	1.485 00	20 000 000
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	7,327,877 37	357,894 19	12,674,021 47	1,654,096 09	103,275 92	15,620 25	35,685,680 40
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Average monthly allowance (Canada) was \$62.65 at June 30, 1962, the first month for which an average based on \$65. a month could be calculated.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1961-62

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

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APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1961-62

Age	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957—58	1958-59	195960	196061	1961-62
Total	252(1)	862(2)	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774	698	707
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31-40	9.13	101 11.72	114 12.41	10.37	85 9.63	64 7,97	80 9.59	123 11.86	58 7.49	73 10.46	47 6.65
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61-69 %	102 40.48	244 28.31	269 29.30	206 24.26	193 21.86	194 24.16	231 27.70	269 25.94	215 27.78	164 23.50	155 21.92
Over 70 %				.24	.57	.25	.60	.39		.14	

^{(1)—}Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.
(1) and (2)—Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

-	Alta.	B,C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	у.т.	Total
Not 18 years of age									20				0.0
Unable to prove age					1				1				20
Too much income	4	6	6	3	3	14							
Not sufficient residence									20	0			94
Unable to prove							1		1				2
residence			1										1
War veterans											1		
allowance		1		1			1		2				5
Refused information		1	2				3		1	1			8
Unable to meet blind													
test		8	17	22	15		59		130	16			303
Old age assistance													
Old age security													
Over 70 years						4	1		3				8
Whereabouts unknown		1	1				1			1			4
Disability allowance			1										1
Transferred property									3				3
m	18	17	28	26	19	39	90	1	189	24			451

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

 -	Alta.	B,C,	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.1.	Que.	Sesk.	N.W.T.	ү.т.	Total
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NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nifd.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1961 - March 31, 1962	18	20	17	25	6	29	86	5	86	15	1		308
From inception of Blind Persons Act	214	247	230	287	128	254	862	30	1131	176	4	1	3564

PROOF OF AGE

_	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by — Certificate of birth Certificate of baptism Census records alone Old Bible records Other records and tribunals	26 6 1	30 4	18 7 1	19 28 1 10	11 27 2	17 26 9	125 37 4 	2 1	46 139 2 	16 6 1	3 2		310 284 22 1 90

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-	Alta.	B.C.	Men.	N.B.	Nfid.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que,	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Single Married couples	14	19 4	7 4	16 4	12 2	25 5	53 30	1	76 27	18	5 1		245 89

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British Columbia	53,24	53,27	53.24	53,37	53,39	53,33	53,36	53,24	53.17	53,20	53,29	53,47
	52,96	53.07	53,04	52.89	52.96	52,93	53,06	53.07	53,15	53,09	62,87	62,93
New Brunswick	53,86	53,89	53,78	53,89	53.88	53,91	53,94	53.99	53,93	53,96	64.10	64,24
Newfoundland	54,40	54,30	54.27	54,28	54,23	54,23	54,23	54,28	54,35	54.35	54,34	54.40
Nova Scotia	53,45	53,50	53.54	53,45	53,35	53,41	53,50	53,47	53,46	53,26	53,23	63.74
	49,38	49,31	49,36	49.51	49,50	49,55	49,58	49,49	49,37	49,35	49,39	57,94
Prince Edward Island	53,63	53,61	53,76	53.64	53,70	53,69	53,69	53,33	53,06	53,04	53,04	63,13
	53,69	53,62	53,60	53,58	53,62	53,61	53,57	53,54	53,56	53,56	53,51	53,59
Saskatchewan	53,21	53,16	53,15	53,11	53,11	53,04	53,01	53,37	53,28	53,14	53,15	53,03
Northwest Territories	50.81	51,98	52.05	51,98	51,90	51,90	51.98	50,91	51.09	51.09	51,00	52,11
Yukon Territory	55.00	55.00	55.00	55,00	55,00	55,00	55.00	55.00	55,00	55.00	55,00	55.00

12. Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

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Piscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- found- land	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat. chewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951–52	7	7	9	9		9	19		30				
1952-53	56	20	36	40	13	32	114		147	16			92
1953—54	14	32	35	31	18	28	93	ю	140	17			411
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195859	29	23	14	23	15	23	83	1	86	15	7		326
	20	25	20	29	15	21	72	2	104	20			328
196061	14	21	22	25	11	18	63	m	101	14			292
1961–62	00 e-1	20	17	25	9	29	90	u)	98	15	-		308
Total	214	247	230	287	128	254	862	30	1,131	176	4	1	3,564

13, Number of Recipients at End of Each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Total	8,079	8,332	8,214	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671	8,642		8,614	0,000	8,585	8,568	8,567	8,548	8,568	8,562	8,583	8,585	8,573	
Yukon Territory	м	7	64	8	6	9	W)	w	ю	m		m	9 0	o 61	o en	n	65	m	8	e	en -	m	
Northwest Territories	pri	11	13	16	100	25	27	28	34	42		43	84.	4 4	42	45	43	44	46	46	45	45	
Saskat- chewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	:	404	401	398	304	400	399	403	400	404	406	406	
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	:	2,952	2,933	2,935	2,933	2,941	2,930	2,930	2,925	2,926	2,916	2,901	
Prince Edward Island	75	42	06	98	%	06	96	87	40 00	81		81	80	08 6	0 10	8 08	8 8	84	83	82	82	80	
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	:	1,824	1,819	1,822	1,826	1 806	1,814	1.820	1,834	1,845	1,849	1,846	
Nova	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786		781	789	782	781	110	767	766	992	768	694	771	
New- found- land	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	:	423	422	426	427	474	424	476	422	425	428	429	
New Brunswick	783	750	731	904	717	719	715	724	706	969		692	691	691	694	069	088	889	069	693	694	269	
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380		384	383	379	378	379	379	375	373	374	380	378	
British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	568		562	556	556	260	564	566	202	562	200	562	563	
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461		465	462	465	467	467	464	400	401	454	451	454	
Fiscal Year	1951–52	1952–53	1953–54	1954–55	1955–56	1956–57	1957–58	1958–59	1959–60	1960–61	1961–62	April 1961		June 1961	July 1961		£ 63		November 1961	L di	1067	March 1962	

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1962, receiving Maximum and Reduced Allowance Payr

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NOTE: increase of \$10 a month effective in British Columbia and Newfoundland from April 1, 1962.
Effective date for other provinces and Yukon Territory was February 1, 1962, but all had not made adjustments at March 31, 1962.

15, Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Onepec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	s cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	cts.	\$ cts.	cts.	cts.	\$ cts.
	33,766 59	37,827 17	35,948 87	69,185 98	28,237 49	64,199 33 142,984 41	64,199 33 142,984 41	6,460 17	271,902 08 30,667 15 1.104,179 94 123,692 07	30,667 15	90 00	180 00 720 00	721,449 24 2,985,217 00
	135,585 97				121,952 16	250,566 53 602,041 45	602,041 45		1,057,841 80 125,796 13	80 125,796 13	4,537 50	720 00	2,914,102 07
	140,148 69	170,795 84	145,013 60	256,747 58	119,969 98	247,787 65	609,974 15	32,279 27	1,036,242 60 135,218 60	135,218 60	6,330 00	1,350 00	2,918,494 13
	151,070 53	169,386 75	147,725 00		132,571 63	258,095 42	613,257 34	31,267 43	1,046,322 67 141,839 14	141,839 14	7,447 50	2,160 00	2,959,525 74
	188,604 02	213,809 22		310,480 52	152,688 32	312,968 60	735,344 01	37,568 33	1,264,975 17 176,094 73	176,094 73	10,860 75	2,299 50	3,575,724 04
1958–59	223,720 72	248,774 22	195,335 91		200,643 89	378,784 18	839,339 82		1,494,170 00 195,648 92	195,648 92	14,936 24	1,815 00	4,198,167 36
	220,877 97	269,049 52		341,685 95	208,130 83	380,910 70	840,963 74	39,763 96	1,456,778 84	84 196,127 28	18,833 43	1,485 00	4,161,832 93
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	19,043 30	22,429 33	15,132 98	28,693 19	17,502 23	31,326 98	68,826 41	3,137 81	117,893 02	15,863 43	1,676 25	123 75	341,648 68
	18,531 28	22,820 87	15,291 86	28,087 97	17,281 22	30,924 95	68,001 19	3,262 54	117,505 63	15,651 83	1,635 00	123 /5	339,116 09
September 1961	18,725 02	22,260 53	15,742 97	28,086,68	17,446 97	30,762 60	68,028 25	3,138 78	117,054 55	16,004 87	1,717 50	123 75	338,529 37
	18,513 26	22,406 50	14,949 45	28,069 31	17,523 03	31,156 96	67,545 53	3,442 54	117,548 62	16,333 72	1,680 00	123 75	339,292 67
_	18,991 96	22,786 04	15,318 82	28,285 80	17,159 96	30,935 61	68,256 46	3,303 15	117,960 55	16,256 38	1,845 00	123 75	341,223 48
1962	18,358 39	22,409 87	15,518 07	28,600 46	17,444 15	30,605 25	68,897 81	3,261 90	117,507 49	16,513 55	1,762 50	123 75	341,003 19
February 1962	18,045 99	22,557 08	17,917 85	33,633 60	17,383 82	31,176 64	90 606 08	3,220 65	117,174 27	15,997 16	1,721 25	123 75	369,802.85
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16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1,000 AT CERTAIN AGES

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-	Age	Monthly Ann	uity for \$1,000
		Male	Female
Rorn 1931, 40	21	3.74	3,65
Born 1931–40	25	3.82	3,71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
The state of the s	26	3.87	3.75
Born 1921 20	30	3.98	3.84
Born 1921-30	35	4.15	3,97
	40	4.37	4,13
	45	4.66	4.35
	36	4,25	4.03
D 1011 00	411	4,44	4.17
Born 1911–20	4.5	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4,69
	55	5.60	5.08
· ·	46	4.90	4.50
W 1004 - 10	50	5,23	4.75
Born 1901–10	55	5,74	5,16
	60	6,40	5,72
	65	7.32	6.50
i i	56	6,01	5,34
Para 1901 1000	60	6,59	5.83
Born 1891—1900	65	7.55	6,64
	70	8,93	7.82
	7.5	10.99	9.62
	66	8,03	7.00
Pose 1900 11 C	70	9,23	8,03
Born 1890 and before	75	11.33	9.83
	80	14.53	12,67
	85	1 14.65	17.30

NOTE: These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one,



REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955) 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58) 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1963

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To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1963, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALDO MONTEITH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1963.

The Honourable J. WALDO MONTEITH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare,

SIR, — I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1963, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1963.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1962-63

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons were provided in all provinces and the territories during the fiscal year. As at March 31, 1963, there were 8,634 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces, being seventy-five per cent of the provinces' expenditure for allowances, amounted to \$4,881,829.11.

Of the 1,141 applications dealt with by the provincial authorities during the year, 758 were approved, 333 were declined and 50 were not completed. Failure to meet the medical test accounted for 228 of the applications declined. Of the applications not completed 30 were withdrawn and 20 lapsed because the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 284 recipients who attained the age of 70 years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act during the last ten fiscal years are shown in the following summary —

Fiscal year	Applica- tions approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments	
					\$ cts.	
1953–54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07	
1954–55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15	
1955–56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13	
1956–57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74	
195758	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04	
1958–59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4,235,131 48	
1959–60	774	556	328	8,671	4,198,167 36	
1960–61	698	567	292	8,642	4,161,832 93	
1961–62	707	497	308	8,573	4,129,852 26	
1962–63	758	383	284	8,634	4,881,829 11	

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Blind Persons Act was not amended during the fiscal year 1962-63. Changes in the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as shown in the following summary —

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$ 40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmerried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
From February 1, 1962	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Following amendments to the Act effective February 1, 1962, increasing the maximum allowance and the maximum amounts of income allowed, the agreements with the provinces and the Yukon Territory were amended to provide the additional benefits authorized. The agreement with the Northwest Territories was similarly amended in 1962-63 with effect from July 1, 1962.

4. Administration - Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare maintains a continuous examination of provincial records, partly in the provinces and partly at Ottawa, for the purpose of establishing amounts payable by the Federal Government to the provinces.

General supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council in accordance with the provisions of the Act is also a responsibility of that Division. The medical examination of applicants and recipients is a responsibility of the Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Department. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1962-63 amounted to \$11,055.00 and travelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of applicants amounted to \$4,632.76.

5. Administration - Provincial

Each province and territory has an act or ordinance providing for the payment of blindness allowances. In the federal Blind Persons Act "provincial law" is defined as a law of a province that provides for the payment of blind persons allowances to the persons and under the conditions specified in the federal Act and regulations, and authorizes the province to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada in accordance with that Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1963 —

ALBERTA-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955. (Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955 and Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session).

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957 and Manitoba Regulation 15/62, filed February 27, 1962).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), and Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories 1962 (Second Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

Yukon Territory-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session) and Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1963 —

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—K. T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W.D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Department-Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister-Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister-K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority-The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer-L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W.R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H.G. Kimball, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A.J. McCrowe, Acting Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W.S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department-Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister-Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister-J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority-Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer-M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

OUEBEC-

Department-Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister-Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—J.R. Forest, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A.M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister - J.S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority-Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer-A.W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner-R.G. Robertson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority-W. Rudnicki, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind
Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs
and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner-G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, White-horse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority-J. Marie Riddell, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

By Order in Council P.C. 1962-1038 of July 25, 1962, the wording of the definition of "blind" in the Blind Persons Regulations was revised. The revision was for clarity only and did not in any way affect the standard previously established. There were no other amendments to the Regulations.

The Advisory Board established by the Act did not meet during 1962-63. Meetings of the Board prior to 1962-63 were held on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 24,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered more than 9,000 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows —

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	365	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-20 years	1,891	Same as above
21-39 years	3,053	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40 -64 years	7,979	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,329	Same
70-99 years	9,041	Same
Over 100 years	13	Same
Total	24,671	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 865 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1963. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

	%
Congenital eye defects	16
Cataract and other lens disorders	13
Diabetic retinopathy	
Optic atrophy of all types	
Myopic degeneration	
Primary glaucoma	

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 91 blind recipients treated, 68 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, 934 recipients have been treated of whom 720 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1963.

_	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$65 a month	Same	Same	Same

-	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,140-unmarried 1,980-married 2,340-married- blind spouse	\$1,380-unmarried 1,860-unmarried- dependent child 2,340-married 2,460-married- blind spouse	\$1,140-unmarried 1,980-married 2,340-married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blind- ness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maxi- mum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment sus- pended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240

a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.

1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension — P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.

1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -

- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
- (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
- (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
- (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
- (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
- (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
- (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament — Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.

10. Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1963

		Alberta	British Columbia	Menitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova
				Act (Federal) operative as from	erative as from		
		Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients		463	547	379	701	429	792
Percentage of recipients to total population		.033	.032	.040	.115	.091	.106
Average monthly payment		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1962 – March 31, 1963		271,515 93	319,456 73	214,162 70	410,316 87	247,377 36	450,274 94
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act		2,091,236 91	2,467,207 18	1,929,766 46	3,498,673 58	1,864,337 35	3,614,778 16
	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Teritory	Total
			Act	Act (Federal) operative as from	s from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,877	83	2,891	422	46	4	8,634
Percentage of recipients to total population	.029	.078	.053	.045	161.	.026	
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1962 - March 31, 1963	992,299 96	47,103 28	1,662,936 61	240,693 48	23,452 50	2,238 75	4,881,829 11
Federal Government's contributions from inception of the Blind Persons Act	8,320,177 33	404,997 47	14,336,958 08	1,894,789 57	126,728 42	17,859 00	40,567,509 51

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1962-63

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

	-	-											
-	Alta,	B,C,	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L	Que.	Sask,	N.W.T.	У.Т.	Total
Total	48	37	27	50	28	63	226	6	223	47	3		758
Male	34	14 23	16 11	25 25	14	34 29	118	5	106 117	26 21	2		394 364
	M F	M_F	M_F	M F	M F	M_F	M F	M F	MF	M F	MF	ME	M E
Married	13 7 19 6 1	2 6 7 7 2 3 1 6 2 1	7 4 8 3 1 3	12 13 11 7 2 4 1	7 7 4 3 3 2 2 2	15 12 15 10 5 4 2	56 52 44 27 6 21 12 7 1	2	54 57 43 28 5 25	10 12 12 8 2	M F	M F	M F 179 171 165 100 22 64 25 26 3 3
Age 18–21	3 1 7 5 2 2 9 8 8 3	2 5 3 1 1 2 1 5 2 6 5 4	2 2 2 2 2 3 5 2 3 2	4 4 3 1 1 1 5 7 7 5 12	3 1 1 2 5 4 1 3 6 1 1	7 5 1 1 2 1 5 4 7 7 12 11	20 12 4 2 10 7 22 14 21 32 41 41	1 1 1 1 1	27 12 8 6 12 6 15 20 21 40 23 33		1		75 47 31 14 41 25 61 52 79 114 107 112
In cities	21 8 7 1 6 5	11 14 1 3 4 2 2	2 7 4 1 2 1 5 1 3 1	7 3 2 8 4 6 12 8	5 5 2 2 7 7	6 4 20 9 8 16	55 54 55 45 1 2 7 7	3	40 59 17 19 39 33 10 6	8 4 3 5 1 13 11 2	2 1		155 159 111 91 70 70 41 33 17 11
Own homes	12 6 11 2 3 3 2 6 2 1	5 5 8 5 5 2 1 1 2 1 2 1 2	3 4 1 1 8 4 1 4 1	11 11 3 3 6 9 1 4 2	6 9 1 1 5 4 1	16 14 3 2 8 8 5 1 2 4	37 42 24 27 25 20 15 9 17 8 2	3 1 1 1	29 33 32 34 27 36 12 10 4 2 2 2	4 9 6 3 8 5 3 2 3 1 2 1	1 1		121 133 87 81 97 96 40 24 35 19 6 8 8 3
Number receiving regular annual income -													
Pension other than under Blind Persons Act		2		2	1	7	20		7				39
Annulty of any kind Spouse in receipt of old age security	2	1	1	3	1	3	8		3	2	1		6
Number receiving unemployment insurance		2		4	2	4	14		11				37

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 TO 1962-63

Age		195152	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955–56	195657	1957 58	1958-59	195960	196061	1961-62	1962-63
Total		252(¹)	862(²)	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774	698	707	758
21	%	14	67 7-77	55 5,99	64 7,54								
18-21	%					163 18.46	158 19.68	107 12.83	122 11.76	121 15.63	109 15.62	129 18.25	122 16.09
22-30	%	18 7-14	98	88 9,59	91 10.72	97 10.99	61 7.60	76 9.11	88 8,49	59 7,62	51 7.31	53 7.50	45 5.94
31-40	%	23 9,13	101	114	88 10.37	85 9,63	64 7.97	80 9.59	123 11.86	58 7.49	73 10.46	47 6.65	66 8.71
41-50	%	43 17.06	124 14.39	133 14,49	134 15.78	108 12.23	114 14.20	111 13.31	166 16.01	119 15.37	113 16.19	105 14.85	113 14.91
5160	%	52 20,63	228 26,45	259 28.21	264 31.10	232 26,27	210 26.15	224 26.86	265 25.55	202 26.10	187 26,79	218 30.83	193 25.46
61~69	%	102 40.48	244 28,31	269 29.30	206 24.26	193 21.86	194 24,16	231 27.70	269 25.94	215 27.78	164 23.50	155 21.92	219 28.89
Over 70	%				.24	.57	.25	5 .60	.39		1		

^{(*)-}Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952. (*) and (*)-Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfid.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que,	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 18 years of age									3				3
Jnable to prove age							14					[]	14
Coo much income	4	7	1	4	1	3	14		22	6		1	63
ot sufficient residence							1		1				
nable to prove							1						
Var veterans allowance						1	2						
Refused information	1	1	2				1		6				
Unable to meet blind	12	10	14	36	29	28	76	5		18			. 3
Old age assistance			1										
Old age security									. 2				
Over 70 years				1		. 2	1	1					
Total	17	18	18	41	30	34	110	6	34	24		. 1	

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P,E,I,	Que,	Sask.	N.W.T.	ү.т.	Total
Withdrawn	1	2	1 1	2		6)	30 20
Total	1	3	2	2		7	11		17	7			50

DEATHS DURING 1962-63

	T	7 1	·				-						
	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L	Que,	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
At age													
18-19				1									
20-24		1		1			2				* * *		
25-29	1			1		2	4		1 2				4
30-34							1		3	3			10
35-39		1		2	1		2	**	5	1	**		7
40-44	1			1	1		6		4	2	1	**	12
45-49	1	2	1	i	1		3	**	1	1	• •	**	15
50-54	2	1	2	2	2	1	5		7	1		* *	12
55-59	4	1	1	3	1	3	13	1	8	1			23
60–64	2	1	3	4	1	3	11	1	17	3	**	0.5	35
65-69	3	12	1		3	11	31		23	2	* *	4.2	46
Total	14	19	8	13	9	20		**		_	**	* * *	86
	14	19	0	13	9	20	78	2	71	15	1	**	250
On pay list for -													
less than 1 year			1	4	1	2	10		3	4			25
1 to 2 years	2	1	1	1	1	2	9		3	2			22
2 to 3 years	1	3	2	1		2	8	1	4	3	1		26
3 to 4 years	1	5			2	1	5		4				18
4 to 5 years	3					1	12		3				19
5 to 6 years	6	4				1	4	1	8				24
6 to 7 years		1			2	1	4		1	1			10
7 to 8 years							2		3	1			6
8 to 9 years		1		3	1	10			2	1			18
9 to 10 years	1	2	1		2		3		40	3			52
10 to 11 years		2	3	4			18						27
11 to 12 years							3						3
surviving spouse in receipt of -													
old age security	1	2					3			* *			6
old age assistance	1		1	1		1	2						6
Blindness sllowance							1						1
Disability allowance		1	1				4.0						2
ar veterans													
allowance													
dothers allowance				1	3	1	1		1				7

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS TRANSFERRED TO OLD AGE SECURITY

	Alta,	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.1.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
April 1, 1962 - March 31, 1963 From inception of Blind Persons	19	18	17	20	13	16	66	3	101	11			284
Act	233	265	247	307	141	270	928	33	1,232	187	4	1	3,848

PROOF OF AGE

	Alta.	B,C.	Man.	N,B,	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont,	P.E.L	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Υ.Τ.	Total
Age established by-													
Certificate of birth	36	22	14	15	8	20	165	2	9	29			320
Certificate of baptism	3	3	5	29	13	30	36	4	188	7	1		319
Census Records alone	1		2			13	1	1	1	1		1	19
Old Bible records			1	1			1	:					3
Other records and tribunals	8	12	5	5	7		23		25	10	2		97

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

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***************************************	Alta,	B,C,	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont,	P.E.L	Que,	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
												-	
Single	19	13	6	19	10	24	66	3	74	20			254
Married couples	7	8	7	3	1	2	28		21	4	2		83

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

T. A. W. T. T. A. W. C. T. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C. C.		NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples	Personal Real and Personal	B.C. Man. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.	2
P.E.L. A.S. C. C. C. C. C. C. C.		NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples	Real and	Man. Man. M.P. M.P. M.P. M.P. M.A. M.P. M.A. M.P. M.R. M.P. M.R. M.P. M.R. M.P. M.R.	6. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
Sask, Sask		NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples	Real and	Man. M.B. MIG. M.S. Ont. P.E.L Que. Sask, M.W.T, Y.T, Y.T, Y.T, Mila. Mild. M.B. Mild. M.B. Ont. Di.E.L Ont.	6. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.
Sask Sask		NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples	Real and	Man. M.B. MIG. M.S. Ont. P.E.L Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Man. Mid. M.B. Mid. M.B. Ont. Ont.	2
P.E.L. P		NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY Married Couples	Real and	Man. M.B. MIG. M.S. Ont. P.E.L. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Y.T. Afta. B.C. Man. M.B. M.B. M.B. M.B. Ont.	2
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Аїбета	63.31	63,33	63,55	63.54	63.33	63,25	63.26	63,43	63.73	63,54	63.45	63.53
British Columbia	63.26	63.86	63.99	63.87	63.92	63.86	63,94	63.99	63.97	64.00	64.05	64.04
Manitoba	62.80	62.65	62.72	62.80	62.65	62.59	65.69	62.62	62.56	62.54	62.56	62.80
New Brunswick	64.37	64.29	64.25	64.11	63,88	63,83	63,80	63.74	63.77	63.66	63,75	63.79
Newfoundland	63,62	63.92	63.65	63,67	63.64	63.66	63,65	63.67	63.63	63.62	63.72	63.70
Nova Scotia	63,66	63,64	63,75	63,69	63,72	63.61	63,45	63,43	63.34	63,26	63,15	63,08
Ontario	58,68	58,93	58,95	58,84	58,79	58,93	58,99	59.02	58.96	59.04	58.79	58,73
Prince Edward Island	63.08	62.40	62.10	62.13	62.19	62.19	62.16	62.45	62.63	63.13	63.15	63.21
Quebec	53,84	54,38	63.90	63.93	63.86	63.80	63,83	63.89	63.85	63.79	63.81	63.74
Saskatchewan	53.04	63,25	63.11	63.12	63.01	63,15	63.25	63,03	63.04	63.20	63.04	63,18
Northwest Territories	50.91	50,91	51.00	50.89	50.80	50,56	50.56	58.11	58.11	57.45	59.02	59,13
Yukon Territory	55.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00

12, Transfers to Old Age Security by Fiscal Years

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Nova	9	32	28	29	14	30	24	23	21	18	29	16	270
Newfound- land	***	13	18	11	14	15	6	122	15	11	9	13	141
New Brunswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	36	23	29	25	25	20	307
Manitoba	9	36	32	30	14	21	15	14	20	22	17	17	247
British	7	20	32	33	25	20	21	23	25	21	20	18	265
Alberta	7	26	14	19	28	16	23	53	20	14	18	19	233
Fiscal Vear	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	Total

Fiscal Year		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-52		376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	-	61	8,079
1952-53		383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342	11	21	8,332
1953-54		400	4 00 00	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	61	8,214
1954-55		409	474	405	706	3388	902	1,731	8	2,866	374	16	64	8,122
1955-56		415	475	411	717	999	726	1,719	8	2,905	389	18	9	8,230
1956-57		418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8,256
1957-58		451	202	392	715	376	74.5	1,720	8	2,956	412	27	10	8,400
1958-59		464	\$30	409	724	407	787	1,833	67	3,056	. 417	90	1/)	8,747
1959-60		459	541	396	200	418	773	1,847	38	3,012	397	35	64)	8,671
1960-61		461	268	380	969	422	786	1,845	#I 60	2,949	409	42	62	8,642
1961-62		454	563	378	769	429	771	1,846	08	2,901	406	45	60	8,573
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		457	550	378	713	433	792	1,869	82	2,880	406	47	*	8,611
į.		465	249	379	708	429	797	1,871	22	2,873	412	46	*	8,616
March 1963		463	24.7	379	701	429	792	1,877	83	2,891	422	46	*	8,634
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14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1963, receiving Maximum and Reduced Allowance Payments

	Total	463	547	379	701	429	792	1,877	8	2,891	422	46	4	8,634
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Northwest Territories	\$ cts.	1,740 00	4,537 50	6,330 00	10,860 75	12,745 50	14,936 24	20,580 00		1,680 00	1 721 25	1,717 50	1,676 25	1,747 50	1,706 25	3,356 25	1,961 25	2,133 75	2,036 25	23 AE2 CO	00 30402					23,452.50
Sasket- chewan	\$ cts,	123,692 07	125,796 13	135,218 60	176,094 73	203,033 80	195,648 92	193,308 08	46 405 04	28.335.65	19.798 78	19,610 91	19,245 39	19,567 68	19,760 54	19,098 10	19,155 61	19,106 33	20,857 62	940.828.48			200 001		45 00	240,693 48
Quebec	\$ cts.	1,104,179 94	1,028,750 38	1,036,242 60	1,264,975 17	1,500,856 38	1,494,170 00	1,412,001 61	116,600,63	120,836 74	183,957 72	138,421 43	137,112 58	138,104 12	137,765 63	136,313 38	138,238 01	137,781 44	139,997 41	1,663,434 94		86.8 44			166 11	992,259 96 47,103 28 1,002,936 61 240,093 48
Prince Edward Island	\$ cts.	26,680 54	30,516 06	32,279 27	37,568 33	43,337 70	39,763 96	40,167 53	3.720 38	4,048 50	3,913 05	3,914 33	3,918 08	3,918 08	3,853 35	3,934 58	4,134 66	3,882 34	3,934 84	47,103 28						47,103 28
Ontario	\$ cts.	632,328 83	607,709 18	613,257 34	735,344 01	867,246 99	839,339 82	836,687 45	84.576 95	82,001 57	82,124 90	81,782 23	81,961 05	81,979 28	82,765 10	82,404 15	83,376 40	83,382 64	82,679 98	992,529 22		3000			76 42	992,299 96
Nova	\$ cts.	253,717 72	247,787 65	254,603 63	312,968 60	376,544 49	3/8,784 18	386,324 97	37,521 07	37,143 75	37,093 61	38,288 36	37,416 36	37,364 93	37,787 77	37,312 28	38,037,91	36,207 15	37,412 79	450,364 94		120 00			30 00	450,274 94
New- foundland	\$ cts. 28,237 49	121.952 16	119,969 98	132,571 63	152,688 32	700 543 90	208,130 83	208,816 27	20,784 75	20,857 01	20,575 98	20,992 04	20,455 54	20,117 12	20,818 69	20,914 04	20,906 31	20,220 08	20,608 14	247,377 36						247,377 36
New Brunswick	\$ cts.	263,725 96	256,747 58	258,382 33	310,480 52	348 706 69	341,685 95	349,236 84	33,757 70	34,493 55	34,568 31	34,437 11	34,328 15	34,330 88	34,341,42	34 005 95	33.845 77	33,984 79	33,365 51	410,316 87						410,316.87
Manitoba	\$ cts.	153,548 81	145,013 60	147,725 00	170,030 87	195.335 91	187,225 71	188,334 84	17,751 54	18,188 63	16,851 35	17,717.46	18,245 29	18,276 07	17,998 /8	17,684 73	17,438 20	18,313 20	17,593 69	214,162 70						214,162 70
British	\$ cts.	162,910 06	170,795 84	169,386 75	213,809 22	263,096 68	269,049 52	270,365 01	26,681 53	26,862 92	27,194 62	26,468 45	26,614 47	26,084 65	27,370,88	26,509 91	26,662 72	26,654 87	26,364 69	319,501 73		00 09			15 00	310,456 73
Alberta	33,766 59		140,148 69	151,070 53	188,604 02	223,872 96	220,877 97	222,544 66	28,723 84	22,148 97	21,378.37	21,833 25	21,912.66	22,202,43	22.458 76	22,135 40	22,124 39	22,299 66	22,661 78	271,943 72		570 38			142 59	271,515 93
Fiscal Year	1951-52	1953-54	1955-56	1956-57	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1962-63		May 1962			100		-	December 1962		1.5	March 1963	Total	Deduct -	Amounts recovered account of over-	Add	Amounts reimbursed	provinces account of overpayments	Total 1962 63

16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities—Ordinary Life Plan MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1,000 AT CERTAIN AGES

~	Age	Monthly Annuit	ty for \$1,000
		Male	Female
(21	3,74	3.65
Born 1931–40	25	3,82	3.71
Born 1931–40	30	3,95	3.81
	35	4.11	3,94
(26	3,87	3.75
	30	3.98	3.84
Born 1921–30	35	4.15	3.97
Born 1921-30	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	36	4.25	4.03
	40	4.44	4.17
Born 1911–20	45	4.74	4.40
Bom 1911-20	50	5.12	4.69
	55	5.60	5.08
	46	4.90	4.50
	50	5.23	4.75
Born 1901–10	55	5.74	5.16
Born 1901-10	60	6.40	5.72
	65	7.32	6,50
	56	6.01	5.34
	60	6.59	5.83
Born 1891–1900	65	7.55	6.64
Doi: 1071-1700	70	8,93	7.82
	75	10.99	9.62
	66	8.03	7,00
	70	9.23	8.03
Born 1890 and before	75	11.33	9.83
DOIN 1030 and botos Transferrence	80	14.53	12.67
	85	19.65	17.30

NOTE: These rates took effect on April 1, 1957. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.





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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955) 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58) 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962) 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

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To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1964, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUDY LAMARSH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1964.

The Honourable JUDY LAMARSH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1964.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1963-64

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons were provided in all provinces and the territories during the fiscal year. As at March 31, 1964, there were 8,581 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces, being seventy-five per cent of the provinces' expenditures for allowances, amounted to \$4,987,897.43.

Of the 1,133 applications dealt with by the provincial authorities during the year, 675 were approved, 418 were declined and 40 were not completed. Failure to meet the medical test accounted for 304 of the applications declined. Of the applications not completed 33 were withdrawn and 7 lapsed because the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 308 recipients who attained the age of 70 years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act from 1953-54 to 1963-64 are shown in the following summary -

	<u> </u>	1			
Fiscal year	Applica- tions approved	Declined or not completed	Transferred to old age security	Recipients at end of fiscal year	Federal payments
					\$ cts.
1953-54	918	938	411	8,214	2,914,102 07
195455	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955-56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956-57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958-59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4,235,131 48
1959-60	774	5 56	328	8,671	4, 198, 167 36
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4, 161, 832 93
1961-62	707	497	308	8,573	4,129,852 26
1962-63	758	383	284	8,634	4,881,829 11
1963-64	675	458	308	8,581	4,987,897 43

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

During the fiscal year the Act was amended with effect from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum payment in which the Government of Canada may share from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed by \$120 a year in the case of an unmarried person and \$240 a year in the case of a married person.

Bill C-125 was passed by the House of Commons and the Senate on December 12, 1963, receiving Royal Assent the same date as Chapter 26, Statutes of Canada, 1963.

Changes in the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as shown in the following summary -

Períod	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$ 40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
Febuary 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Following the amendments of 1963 to the Act, the agreements with the provinces were amended to provide for the payment of a maximum allowance of \$900 a year and to allow the increased amounts of maximum income provided by the Act, as amended.

Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Quebec amended their agreements with effect from April 1, 1964. The effective date specified by all other provinces was December 1, 1963. At March 31, 1964, amending agreements had not been completed with the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory.

The Order in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on behalf of the Government of Canada was P.C. 1963—1842 of December 16, 1963.

4. Administration - Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

The Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1963-64 amounted to \$13,004 and travelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of applicants amounted to \$2,487.47.

5. Administration - Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1964 —

ALBERTA_

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by Chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964.

(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955, Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964.

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957 and Manitoba Regulation 15/62, filed February 27, 1962).

EW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in

Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957.

(There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), and Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories 1962 (Second Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session) and Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated December 22, 1952).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Adminstrative Officers as at March 31, 1964 —

LBERTA-

Department-Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister-Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister-D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority-The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer-K. T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department—Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister—Honourable W.D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister—E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer—E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

ANITOBA-

Department—Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister—Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister—K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer-L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W.R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—H.G. Kimball, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A.J. McCrowe, Director of Old Age Assistance, St.

John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable W.S. Kennedy Jones, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department-Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister-Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister-Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances

Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable A.M. Nicholson, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister -J.S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabili tation.

Provincial Authority-Director of Public Assistance, Regina. Chief Officer-A.W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—B.G. Sivertz. Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F. J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind

Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs
and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner-G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, White-horse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority-C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

During the fiscal year the Blind Persons Regulations were amended to enable the provinces, by agreement, to avoid overpayments where, by reason of an increase of \$10 a month in old age security from October 1, 1963 received by one spouse, the income ceiling of the other spouse, whose assistance and income ceiling could not be increased prior to December 1, 1963, was exceeded. The amending paragraph, added to section 17(2), could not apply beyond March 31, 1964.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 25,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered more than 9,000 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows —

	Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
7-17	ars and under	349 1,548	Same as above
	39 years		
.00	54 years	7,999	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
	9 years		Same
0-9	9 years	9,241	Same
)ver	100 years	17	Same
-	Total	24,975	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 767 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1964. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

	%
Congenital eye defects	16
Cataract and other lens disorders	13
Diabetic retinopathy	
Optic atrophy of all types	10
Myopic degeneration	10.5
Primary glaucoma	9

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 91 blind recipients treated, 75 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948,1,025 recipients have been treated of whom 795 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1964.

-	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same

-	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260-unmarried 2,220-married 2,580-married- blind spouse	\$1,500-unmarried 1,980-unmarried- dependent child 2,580-married 2,700-married- blind spouse	\$1,260-unmarried 2,220-married 2,580-married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None .	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blind- ness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maxi- mum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence, May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment sus- pended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240

a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.

- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension — P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

- 1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

 (The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).
- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
 - (Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

10, Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1964,

		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova
				Act (Federal)	Act (Federal) operative as from		
	1	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients		465	551	383	679	436	775
Percentage of recipients to total population		.033	.032	.040	.116	.091	,103
Averace monthly navment.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964		278,013 77	335,593 49	. 230,263 51	418,037 11	246,923 85	468,866 02
	Onterio	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act	Act (Federal) operative as from	from		
	Jan, 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	April 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	1,902	79	2,855	406	46	*	8,581
Percentage of recipionts to total population	.029	.074	.052	.044	.192	.027	
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts,	cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964.	1,045,329 29	46,778 34	1,642,868 90	246,009 90	27,214 50	1,998 75	4,987,897 43
Average monthly allowance (Canada) - \$68.12							

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1963-64

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

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Single	14	5	-	7	8	2	12	7	7	6	12	7	48	27		1	54	28	13	1	3	1	1	1	182	140 92
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22–30	3	1	3		2	1	2	2	3		2	7	23	18		1	32	18	3	1	3				87	60
31-40	4		1				1	1	2	3	3	1	5	3			10	8	4	1				1	30	17
41-50	2	1	2	2	3	2	5	5	2	2	2	2	15	8		1	11	14	3	3			1		46	40
51-60	9	6	6	3	8	6	6	6	5	5	8	8	17	24		1	26	32	5	2					90	93
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Own homes	8	10	8	4	7	6	11	5	3	10	10	5	27	30												
Rented houses or apts	5	6	5	4	4	3	2	5	3	2	10	4	9	18		2	16 28	24	6	5		1	1		97	102
Children-relatives	5	3	5	9	7	5	12	8	11	6	7	5	31	19		1	31	30	5	2	3			1	117	72 87
Rented rooms	4		1	1	1	2					3	3	17	11			24	11	4	1					54	29
Public institutions			5			1	2			1	4	2	11	8											33	12
Private institutions	1							1	1				1	1					2	1					5	3
Other					2	1		3																	2	4
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Number receiving regular annual income -																										
Pension other than under																										
Blind Persons Act	1		1		1				1		5		18	В			6								33	
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Spouse in receipt of old age security	3		1		2						1		10	0	1		2								20	
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APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1951-52 to 1963-64

Age	1951— 1952	1952— 1953	1953- 1954	1954— 1955	1955— 1956	1956- 1957	1957- 1958	1958- 1959	1959 1960	1960- 1961	1961- 1962	1962- 1963	1963- 1964
Total	252(1)	862(2)	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774	698	707	758	675
21 %	14 5.56	67 7.77	55 5,99	64 7.54									
18-21					163	158	107	122	121	109	129	122	147
%					18.46	19.68	12.83	11.76	15.63	15.62	18.25	16.09	21.78
22-30	18	98	88	91	97	61	76	88	59	51	53	45	39
%	7.14	11.37	9.59	10.72	10.99	7.60	9.11	8.49	7.62	7.31	7.50	5.94	5.78
31-40	23	101	114	88	85	64	80	123	58	73	47	66	47
%	9.13	11.72	12.41	10.37	9,63	7.97	9,59	11.86	7.49	10.46	6,65	8.71	6,96
41-50	43	124	133	134	108	114	111	166	119	113	105	113	86
%	17.06	14.39	14.49	15.78	12.23	14.20	13,31	16.01	15.37	16.19	14.85	14.91	12.74
51-60	52	228	259	264	232	210	224	265	202	187	218	193	183
%	20.63	26.45	28.21	31.10	26.27	26.15	26.86	25.55	26,10	26.79	30.83	25.46	27.11
61-69	102	244	269	206	193	194	231	269	215	164	155	219	172
%	40.48	28.31	29.30	24.26	21.86	24.16	27.70	25,94	27.78	23.50	21.92	28.89	25.48
Over 70				2	5	2	5	4		1			1
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^{(1) -} Three months, January 1 to March 31, 1952.
(1) and (2) - Ontario figures not included.

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L	Qué.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 18 years of age									7				7
Unable to prove age									1	1			2
Too much income	3	7	2	1	1	4	18		26	6			68
Not sufficient residence	2		1				1		1				5
Unable to prove residence		1					1	,	1				3
War veterans allowance		1	2	2		,	5						10
Refused information		1	5				2		1	2			11
Unable to meet blind test	6	4	23	41	31	37	57	2	92	11			304
Old age assistance			1			1	1						3
Old age security									3				3
Over 70 years						1			1				2
Total	11	14	34	44	32	43	85	2	133	20			418

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B,C,	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Withdrawn		•••	1			3	12 5	•••	7	6			33
Total	4	• • • •	2	***		3	17		8	6			40

DEATHS DURING 1963-64

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	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nød.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
At age													1
18-19							1						1
20-24			1						1	1			3
25-29							1		1				2
30-34		2		1		2	1		1				7
35-39	4	1				1	4		2				12
40-44	2		2			1	3		3	1			12
45-49		1		3			3		8				15
50-54	1		2	2		3	7		10	2			27
55-59	5	4	1	2	4	1	8		11				36
60-64	2	2	4	5	1	4	15		27	6	1		67
65-69	5	1	4	6	- 4	8	27		26	3			84
Total	19	11	14	19	9	20	70		90	13	1		266
On pay list for -													
less than 1 year	3	3	4	2		1	7		7	2			29
1 to 2 years	4	., :	3	1	2	4	6	.,	4				24
2 to 3 years	1	1			1	1	7		9	3			23
3 to 4 years	2	1		2		3	4		6	1	1		20
4 to 5 years	1	1			1		6		3	2			14
5 to 6 years	2		2	1		3	8		7	1			24
6 to 7 years	4		2			1	2		9				18
7 to 8 years				1	2	2			5	2			12
8 to 9 years	2	2	1		1	5	4	ĺ	4				19
9 to 10 years			2	3	2		5		36	2			50
Over 10 years		3		9			21						33
Surviving spouse in receipt of -												-	
Old age security	1			1		2	4		4				
Old age assistance	1				2	1	2		1	1	**		12
Blindness allowance							2					**	8
Disability allowance]					3					• •	1
War veterans allowance]								1		**	1
Mothers allowance				2	1		2		4	1			
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PROOF OF AGE

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Age established by -													
Certificate of birth	35	31	25	14	13	20	116	2	21	20	2	2	301
Certificate of baptism	4	4	10	28	20	18	39	1	150	3			277
	1		1	1		6	4		1				14
Other records and tribunels	2	7	3	6	1		24		26	12	2		83
Census records alone													14

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Alte.	B.C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.					Sask.	N.W.T.	-	
Single	13	17	9	17	14	20	75	1	72	16	3	1	258
farried couples	9	4	4	3	4	4	17		22	3			70

NUMBER OWNING PROPERTY

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AVERAGE PLINDNESS ALLOWANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1963-64

Province					1963						1964	
	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
Alberta	63,48	\$ 63.10	\$ 63.04	\$ 62.81	\$ 62.57	\$ 62.49	\$ 62.54	\$ 62.61	\$ 62.53	\$ 72.80	5 72.74	\$ 72.65
British Columbia,	63,92	63,85	63,79	63.77	63.74	63.70	63.80	63,73	63,79	73.93	73.96	73.93
Manitoba	62.88	62.96	62,88	62.99	63,21	63,09	62.92	62.88	72.79	72.81	72.82	72.67
New Brunswick	63.76	63.73	63.82	63.69	63,61	63,61	63.57	63,62	63.72	73.79	73.76	73.77
Newfoundland	63,68	63,63	63,54	63.54	63.57	63,61	63.50	63,50	63,29	63,27	63,61	63,66
Nova Scotla	63.20	63.20	63,21	63.23	63.16	63.23	63,37	63,35	63,33	73.01	73.02	73.00
Ontario	58.71	59,68	58.71	58.65	58.67	58,73	58,55	58,44	67.26	67,36	67.57	67,59
Prince Edward Island	63.21	62.77	63.27	63.27	63.29	63,35	63,35	63.29	63,25	63.75	64,56	64,43
Óuebec	63.77	63,72	63.78	63.75	63.72	63,75	63.78	63.77	63.75	63.76	63.82	63,65
Saskatchewan	63,16	62,77	62.82	63.01	63,03	62,95	63.00	62,56	62.21	62.10	71,45	71.51
Northwest Territories	59.26	64.19	64.19	64.19	64.19	64.19	64.19	64.19	64.17	64.15	64.15	64,14
Yukon Territory	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65,00	00*59	65.00	65.00

12, Transfers to 01d Age Security by Fiscal Years

Total	92	446	411	414	318	307	322	326	328	292	308	284	308	4,156
Yukon Territory		:	:		:	:	1	:	:	:	:	:	1	2
Northwest Territories		:	:	:	:	:		2.	:	:	H	:	m	-
Saskat- chewan	1	16	17	27	18	17	16	15	20	14	15	11	22	209
Quebec	39	147	140	146	103	81	98	86	104	101	98	101	95	1,327
Prince Edward Island		2	3,	en	en	IO.	m	-	2	е	ın	60	ın	38
Ontario	19	114	93	86	72	77	26	83	72	63	98	99	62	066
Nova	٥	32	28	29	14	30	24	23	21	18	29	16	33	303
New- foundland	v-1	13	18	11	14	15	6	15	15	11	9	13	14	155
New Branswick	9	40	31	30	27	25	26	23	29	25	25	20	28	335
Manitoba	9	36	35	-30	14	21	15	14	20	R	17	17	16	263
British Columbia	7	20	32:	33	25	20	21	23	25	21	20	18	23	288
Alberta	7	26	14	19	28	16	23	29	20	14	18	19	9	239
Fiscal Year	1951–1952	1952–1953	1953–1954	1954–1955	1955–1956	1956–1957	1957–1958	1958–1959	1959–1960	1960–1961	1961–1962	1962–1963	1963–1964	Total

13, Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nove	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskat- chewan	Northwest	Yukon Territo, y	Total
1951–1952.	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	-	2	8.079
1952–1953	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342	11	6	8,332
1953—1954	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	96	2,949	366	13	7	8,214
1954–1955	409	474	405	902	338	902	1,731	95	2,866	374	16	7	8,122
1955–1956	415	475	411	717	353	726	1,719	96	2,905	389	18	9	8,230
1956–1957	418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8,256
1957–1958	451	505	392	715	376	745	1,720	96	2,956	412	27	1/O	8,400
1958-1959	464	530	409	724	407	787	1,833	87	3,056	417	78	NO.	8,747
1959–1960.	459	541	396	200	418	773	1,847	1/C 00	3,012	397	34	m	8,671
1960–1961.	461	268	380	969	422	786	1,845	81	2,949	409	42	60	8,642
1961–1962.	454	563	378	269	429	771	1,846	80	2,901	406	45	n	8,573
1962–1963	463	547	379	701	429	792	1,877	83	2,891	422	46	4	634
1963–1964													
											:		
April 1963	464	551	374	702	431	787	1,876	60	2,888	418	47	4	8.625
	465	551	375	700	431	789	1,869	84	2,863	417	48	· m	8,595
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July	470	551	381	692	427	784	1,870	00	2,866	415	48	673	8,590
August	463	552	380	693	428	787	1,877	84	2,868	414	48	co	8,597
September	460	549	382	693	426	784	1,873	84	2,861	416	48	es	8,582
October	463	541	385	989	430	782	1,877	84	2,864	412	48	65	8,575
November	463	544	385	681	431	774	1,881	00	2,855	411	48	W)	8,559
lu di	464	550	383	089	433	773	1,879	7.9	2,849	413	47	NO.	8,555
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February	463	556	382	681	432	772	1,891	80	2,841	414	46	4	8,565
March	465	. 551	383	629	436	775	1,902	79	2,855	406	46	4	8,581
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14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1964, receiving Waximum and Reduced Allowance Payments

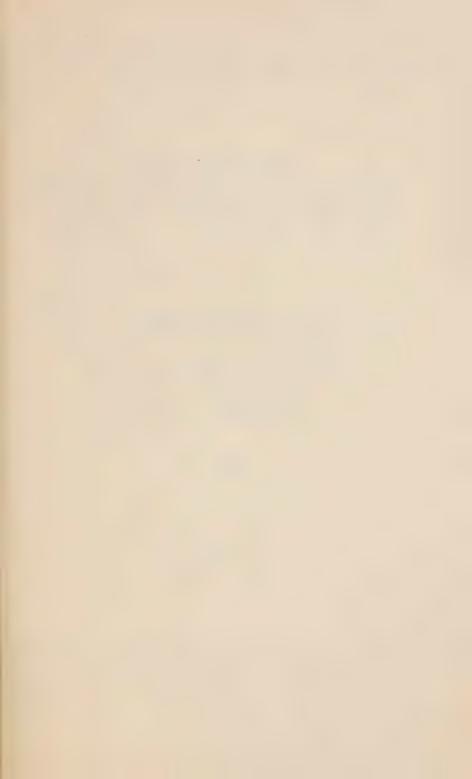
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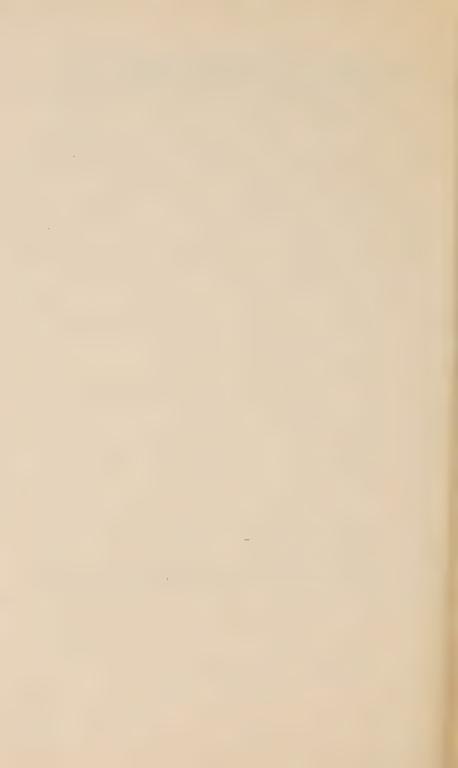
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Ontario	\$ 142,984 41 632,328 83 602,041 45 607,709 18	609,974 15 613,257 34 735,344 01 867,246 99 839,339 82 840,963 74 836,687 45 992,299 96	82,932 01 83,021 38 81,527 72 82,727 96 82,727 96 82,278 96 82,278 96 94,994 70 95,113 06 96,834 20	312.40 .
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New- foundland	\$ 28,237 49 117,936 51 121,952 16 119,969 98	126,037 93 132,571 63 152,688 32 199,974 98 200,643 89 208,130 83 208,816 27 247,377 36	21,068 44 20,504 82 20,494 54 19,558 04 20,394 20 20,395 42 20,899 83 20,899 83 20,899 83 20,801 11 20,802 07	246,923 85
New Brunswick	\$ cts. 69,185 98 273,940 64 263,725 96 256,747 58	258,432 17 258,382 33 310,480 52 357,742 06 348,796 68 341,685 95 349,236 84 410,316 87	33,922 65 33,656 46 33,656 46 33,962 80 33,402 53 32,612 04 32,219 1 34,321 91 38,321 81	135,593.49 230,263.51 418,037.111 (19.037.11) (19.037.
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Immediate Canadian Government Annuities — Ordinary Life Plan MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1000 AT CERTAIN AGES

	Age	Monthly Annu	nity for \$ 1000
	Age	Male	Female
Born 1941-1950	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931–1940	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921–1930	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911–1920	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901–1910	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891–1900	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

Note: These are the rates in effect April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.





Comment.

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955) 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58) 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962) 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)



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To His Excellency Major-General Georges P. Vanier, D.S.O., M.C., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1965, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JUDY LAMARSH
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1965.

The Honourable JUDY LAMARSH,
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD

Deputy Minister of Welfare.

OTTAWA, April 1, 1965.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1964-65

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

Allowances for blind persons were provided in all provinces and the territories during the fiscal year. As at March 31, 1965, there were 8,586 recipients. Federal payments to the provinces, being seventy-five per cent of the provinces' expenditures for allowances, amounted to \$5,624,701.90.

Of the 1,217 applications dealt with by the provincial authorities during the year, 728 were approved, 451 were declined and 38 were not completed. Failure to meet the medical test accounted for 339 of the applications declined. Of the applications not completed 33 were withdrawn and 5 lapsed because the applicants died before decisions had been made. There were 298 recipients who attained the age of 70 years and were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act from 1954-55 to 1964-65 are shown in the following summary-

Fiscal year	Applica- tions approved	Federal payments			
					\$ cts.
1954-55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184 15
1955–56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956-57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958-59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4,235,131 48
1959-60	774	556	328	8,671	4,198,167 36
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4,161,832 93
1961-62	707	497	308	8,573	4,129,852 26
1962-63	758	383	284	8,634	4,881,829 11
1963-64	675	458	308	8,581	4,987,897 43
1964–65	728	489	298	8,586	5,624,701 90

Further statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

The Blind Persons Act was not amended during the fiscal year 1964-65. Changes in the main provisions relating to elibigility have been as shown in the following summary-

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Meximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$ 40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
Febuary 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

Following amendments to the Act effective December 1, 1963, increasing the maximum allowance and the maximum amounts of income allowed, the agreements with the ten provinces were amended during 1963-64 to provide for the additional benefits authorized. The agreements with the Territories were similarly amended during 1964-65, the effective date being December 1, 1963, in the case of the Yukon Territory and April 1, 1964, in the case of the Northwest Territories.

4. Administration - Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

The Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1964-65 amounted to \$19,002 and travelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of applicants amounted to \$1,794.25.

5. Administration - Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and regulations in force as at March 31, 1965—

ALBERTA_

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by Chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964.

(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

MANITOBA-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955, Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964.

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 15/62, filed February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 3/64, filed January 3, 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK-

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND-

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC-

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 4, Statutes of Quebec, 1951-52. (There are no regulations under the Act).

SASKATCHEWAN-

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY-

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory dated June 26, 1964).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1965 —

ALBERTA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister—Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer—K. T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA-

Department-Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister-Honourable W.D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister-E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority-Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer-E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA-

Minister-Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister-K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority-The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg,

Department-Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer-L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK-

Department—Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister—Honourable W.R. Duffie, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer—J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister—Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer—A.J. McCrowe, Director of Old Age Assistance, St.

John's.

NOVA SCOTIA-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister—Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer—H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO-

Department—Department of Public Welfare, Toronto.

Minister—Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister—J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer—M. Borczak, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND-

Department—Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister—Honourable Henry W. Wedge, Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Deputy Minister—W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority—Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC-

Department-Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister-Honourable Emilien Lafrance, Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority—Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer—Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances

Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN-

Department—Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation, Regina.

Minister—Honourable Dave Boldt, Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister-J.S. White, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority-Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer-A.W. Sihvon, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES-

Commissioner—B.G. Sivertz, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority—F. J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind

Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs

and National Resources, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY-

Commissioner-G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority-C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations during the fiscal year 1964—65. The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations considered necessary or advisable did not meet during the year. Since the Act was passed by Parliament in 1951 the Advisory Board has met on five occasions, on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 25,000 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered more than 9,000 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows —

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	349	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-17 years	1,548	Same as above
18-39 years	3,465	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40-64 years	7,999	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,356	Same
70-99 years	9,241	Same
Over 100 years	17	Same
Total	24,975	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 832 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1965. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons between the ages of 18 and 70 who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

	%
Congenital eye defects	21.5
Cataract and other lens disorders	13.7
Diabetic retinopathy	10.5
Optic atrophy of all types	7.5
Myopic degeneration	8.4
Primary glaucoma	8.2

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 75 blind recipients treated, 67 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948,1,100 recipients have been treated of whom 862 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given below relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1965.

-	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordi- nances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	70 years	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years	Same	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same

-	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260-unmarried 2,220-married 2,580-married- blind spouse	\$1,500—unmarried 1,980—unmarried— dependent child 2,580—married 2,700—married— blind spouse	\$1,260-unmarried 2,220-married 2,580-married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded, Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blind- ness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maxi- mum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum al- lowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allow- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment sus- pended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240

a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.

1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.

1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being —

- (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
- (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed:
- (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
- (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement:
- (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
- (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
- (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament — Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed - Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed — Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.

10, Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1965.

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		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
				Act (Federal) operative as from	erative as from		
	-	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients		475	556	401	679	460	750
Percentage of recipients to total population		.033	.032	.042	.110	.094	860.
Average monthly payment.		\$ cts.	\$ 73.15	\$ cts.	\$ 74 10	\$ 73.49	\$ cts.
Federal Government's Contributions April 1, 1964 - March 31, 1965	1965	311,992.13	372,208 44	258,946 06	456,964 66	300,473 51	509,670 87
	Ontario	Pynce Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act	Act (Federal) operative as from	from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients.	1,906	7.1	2,843	391	49	ю	8,586
Percentage of recipients to total population.	.029	990.	.051	.041	196	.031	
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ 73.47	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	es 20
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1964 - March 31, 1965	1,179,137 67	51,020 20	1,892,813 46	256,062 90	32,745 75	2,666 25	5,624,701 90
Average monthly allowance (Canada) - \$72.10							

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

1964-65

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

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Number receiving regular annual income —																										
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Spouse in receipt of old age security		.			3		• • • •		1	-			7				5					. -			16	
Number receiving unem- ployment insurance	3		4	-					2	L	1		5				9	1.				.].			24	

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1953 - 54 to 1964 - 65

	1953- 1954	1954 1955	1955— 1956	1956- 1957	1957- 1958	1958- 1959	1959- 1960	1960 1961	1961- 1962	1962- 1963	1963- 1964	1964- 1965
Total	918	849	883	803	834	1,037	774	698	707	758	675	728
21 %	55 5,99	64 7,54										
18-21 %			163 18.46	158 19.68	107 12.83	122 11.76	121 15.63	109 15.62	129 18.25	122 16.09	147 21.78	153 21.02
22–30 %	88 9.59	91 10.72	97 10,99	61 7.60	76 9.11	88 8,49	59 7.62	51 7.31	53 7.50	45 5.94	39 5.78	52 7.14
31-40%	114	10.37	9,63	7.97	9.59	123 11.86	58 7.49 119	73 10.46	47 6.65 105	66 8,71 113	47 6.96 86	7.55 92
41-50%	133 14.49 259	134 15.78	108 12.23 232	114 14.20 210	111 13.31 224	16.01	15.37	16.19	14.85	14.91	12.74	12.64
51–60 %	28.21	31.10	26.27 193	26.15	26.86	25.55	26,10	26.79	30.83	25.46	27.11	24.18
% Over 70	29.30	24,26	21.86	24.16	27.70	25.94 4	27.78	23,50	21.92	28.89	25.48 1	27.47
%		,24	.57	.25	,60	.39		.14			15	

APPLICATIONS DECLINED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man,	N.B.	Nfld,	N.S.	Ont,	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y.T.	Total
Not 18 years of age				1	2	1			3	2			9
Unable to prove age									,				
Too much income	2	1	4	6	5	7	22		28	4			79
Not sufficient residence													
Unable to prove residence							1			***			1
War veterans allowance		***		3			2		2				7
Refused information	1	3	2				1		2				9
Unable to meet blind test	9	. 5	17	29	34	30	70	5	130	10			339
Old age assistance													
Old age security				1									1
Over 70 years							1		4	1			6
Total	12	9	23	40	41	38	97	5	169	17			451

APPLICATIONS NOT COMPLETED

	Alta.	B.C.	Man,	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.I.	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y. T.	Total
Withdrawn	2	1	2	1		1	13		11 1	3			33
Total	2	2	2	1		1	15		12	3			38

DEATHS DURING 1964-65

	,												
	Alta.	B, C.	Man.	N.B.	Nfld.	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L	Que.	Sask.	N.W.T.	Y. T.	Total
At age													†
18-19													
20-24							1 1		1 2		1		1 3
25-29				1			2		1 1	1 1			5
30-34		2					1	1	1 1	1			6
35-39	1				1	1	4		3	2			12
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50-54		1		1		3	5		10				20
55-59	1	2		1	1	1	5		9	1			21
60-64	4	1	5	3	3	5	13	1	19	4			58
65-69	3	2	5	4	5	10	23		20	2	1		75
Total	10	9	11	10	11	21	59	3	74	14	1		223
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On pay list for -													
less than 1 year	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	6	2			21
1 to 2 years	4		1			1	6		9	2			23
2 to 3 years	1			1		1	6		6				15
3 to 4 years		1	1		1	2	2		8	1	1		17
4 to 5 years		2	* *	1	2	3	4		3	1.4			15
5 to 6 years	1		1			1	3		3	1			10
6 to 7 years		1					3	1	3	1 }			9
7 to 8 years		1		2	1		4	**	8	3			19
8 to 9 years					3	11	4		2	2			22
9 to 10 years	3		7		3	1	4	1	26	2			47
Over 10 years		3	• •	5 .		• •	17				* *		25
Surviving spouse in receipt of -													
Old age security	1	1		1]		1		1 1	1			6
Old age assistance	1			1	2		1		4	1			10
Blindness allowance		1		i		1							
Disability allowance		1									1		1
War veterans allowance						1							
Mothers allowance							3 1		3	1		1	7
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PROOF OF AGE

-	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	N. B.	Nfld,	N.S.	Ont.	P.E.L	Oue,	Sask.	N. W. T.	Y. T.	Total
	_	-											
Age established by -													
Certificate of birth	28	42	32	10	18	25	149	2	1	11			318
Certificate of baptism	3	2	6	22	28	13	28	2	191	4			299
Census records alone						8	8		3	1			20
Old Bible records	2												2
Other records and tribunals	5	6	5	7	6		28		25	2	4	1	89

APPLICANTS OWNING NO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

								P.E.L				
Single												
Married couples	4	3	10	5	6	3	13	1	23	2	1 1	71

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Average Blindness Allowance in Each Month of Fiscal Year 1964-65

Province					1964						1965	
	Aprel	Мау	Jwe	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Morch
Айнта	72.57	72.62	72.59	72,73	72.60	72.91	72,86	72.55	72.64	72.03	72.18	72,36
British Columbia	73.74	73.83	73.90	73.78	73.60	73.45	73,40	73.26	73,18	73.08	73.02	73.15
Manitoba	72.72	72.70	72.84	72.61	72.64	72.35	72.52	72.30	72,36	72.43	72.36	72,66
New Brunswick	73,87	73.75	73.72	73.79	73.79	73.79	73.93	73.83	73.90	74.03	74.07	74.10
Newfoundland	73.35	73.38	73.43	73.41	73,52	73.53	73.71	73.68	73.67	73,48	73.51	71.49
Nova Scotsa	73.22	73.20	73.15	72.99	72.93	72,97	72.95	72.96	72.97	73.30	7.5.34	73,41
(Miarr)	67.68	67.72	67.74	67.80	67.71	67.71	67.70	67,62	67.65	67.70	67.68	67.93
Prince Edward Island	73,76	73,06	73,09	73.09	73,09	73,17	73.09	73.09	72.99	73.36	73.51	ξ. 4.
Quebec	73.58	73.76	73,70	73.69	73.60	73.64	73.63	73.62	73,56	73.60	73.53	73.47
Naskatehewan	1,50	71.66	71.53	1,47	71.64	71.64	71.61	71,59	71.56	71.74	71.69	72.02
Northwest Territories	64.15	64,40	64,40	63.90	64,40	64,40	74,38	74.30	74, 39	74.38	74,40	74,39
Yukon Territori	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00

12. Transfers to Old Age Security Fiscal Years 1953 – 54 to 1964 – 65

Total	411	414	318	307	322	326	328	292	308	284	308	298	3,916
Yukon Territory		:	:	:	#4	÷	:	:	:	:	1	:	2
Northwest Territories	:	:	:	:	-	2	:	:	#	:	m	1	00
Saskatch- ewan	17	27	18	17	16	15	20	14	15	Ħ	22	12	204
Quebec	140	146	103	81	98	86	104	101	98	101	95	94	1,235
Prince Edward Island	m	m	m	ıs	т	~	2	m	S	m	ιν	4	40
Ontario	93	86	72	77	26	83	72	63	98	99	62	86	943
Nova Scotia	28	29	14	30	24	23	21	118	29	16	33	25	290
New- foundland	18	11	14	15	6	15	15	11	9	13	14	7	148
New Brunswick	31	30	27	25	79	23	29	25	25	20	28	24	313
Manitoba	35	30	14	21	15	14	20	22	17	17	16	14	235
British Columbia	32	33	. 25	20	21	23	25	21	20	18	23	15	276
Alberta	14	19	28	16	23	59	20	14	18	19	9	16	222
Fiscal Year	1953–1954	1954–1955	1955–1956	1956–1957	1957–1958	1958–1959	1959–1960	1960–1961	1961–1962	1962–1963	1963–1964	1964–1965	Total

13. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Printel Year 1951–1952 1952–1953 1953–1954 1953–1954	Alberta	D-10.00		New	New	Nova		Perno		Saskatch-	Northwest	Videon	
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1952-1953 1953-1954 1054-1056	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	-	5	8,079
1953-1954	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	46	3,041	342	11	7	8,332
1054-1055	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	2	8,214
500	409	474	405	904	338	200	1,731	98	2,866	374	16	2	8,122
1955-1956	415	475	411	717	353	726	1,719	96	2,905	389	82	9	8,230
1956-1957	418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8,256
1957-1958	451	208	392	715	376	745	1,720	96	2,956	412	27	v	8,400
1958-1959	464	530	409	724	407	787	1,833	87	3,056	417	28	v	8,747
1959-1960	459	541	396	206	418	773	1,847	8.5	3,012	397	34	~	8,671
1960-1961	461	\$68	380	969	422	786	1,845	81	2,949	409	42	3	8,642
1961-1962	454	563	378	697	429	771	1,846	80	2,901	406	45	*	8,573
1962-1963	463	547	379	701	429	792	1,877	83	2,891	422	46	7	8,634
1963-1964	465	551	383	619	436	775	1,902	79	2,855	406	46	4	8,581
1964-1965	-			-						-			
April 1964	468	546	38.2	673	440	. 692	1,909	79	2,846	404	7 97	4	8,576
May	1 469	988	382	682	438	771	1,909	64	2,840	404	48	4	8,582
June	468	095	384	682	4 38	27.8	1,906	80	2,8 30	405	60	4	R, 589
July	474	563	391	685	441 '	780	1,908	80	2,835	402	49	3	8,611
August	469	295	390	689	449	779	1,910	80	2,852	401	48	3	8,632
September	407	195	387	684	440	777	1,917	78	2,864	402	48	65	8,637
October	469	587	190	686	451	773	1,911	80	2,856	968	48		8,620
November	473	555	392	, 189	455	169	1,909	80	2,850	391	49	4	8,614
-	475	558	396	589	455	771	1,914	76	2,857	391	40	4	8,631
Junuary 1965	477	255	395	685	458	756	1,921	75	2,866	340	48	4	8,632
February	t : t : 77	955	402	68.3	460	752	1,921	73	2,852 ,	391	46	4	8,620
March	475	959	401	629	460	250	1,906	7.1	2,843	391	49	25	8,586

14. Number and Percentage of Recipients as at March 31, 1965, receiving Maximum and Reduced Allowance Payments

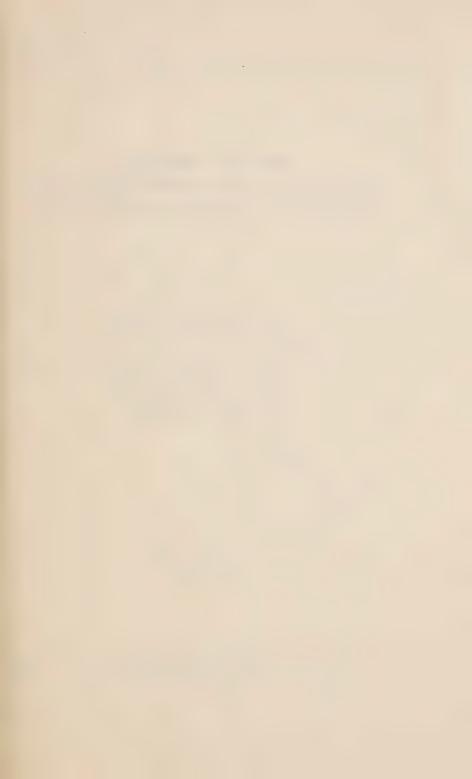
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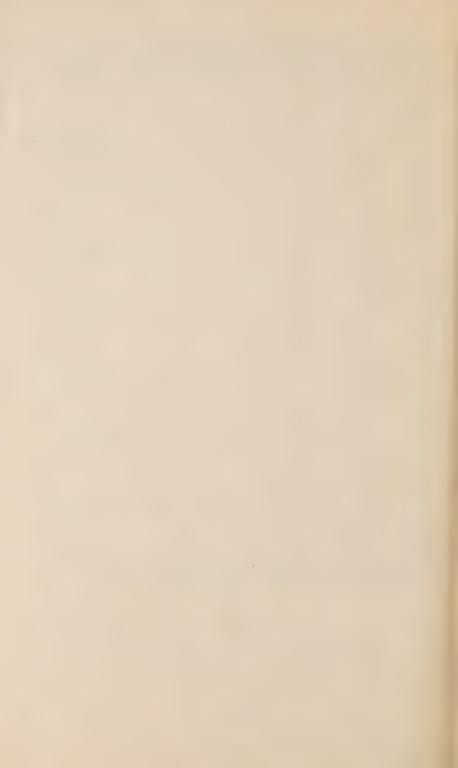
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New- foundland	28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28,	300,473 51
New Brunswick	\$ 60,185 99 228,747 58 228,747 58 228,742 59 238,742 69 341,268 97 37,142 69 38,176 11 37,149 69 38,176 11 37,149 69 38,178 18 38,178 18 38,178 18 38,178 18 38,179 18	456,964 66
Manitoba	\$ 55.948 877 145,244 18 1145,244 18 1145,244 18 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 10 1145,013 1145,010 114	258,946.06
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Alberta	\$ 33,766 59 133,766 59 133,766 59 133,766 59 140,148 69 140,148 69 148,706 90 282,820 90 282,820 90 282,848 70 70,84	111,992.13
Fiscal Year	1952–1947 1952–1943 1953–1954 1953–1954 1956–1957 1956–1957 1956–1960 1956–1960 1959–1961 1961–1962 1961–1963 1964–1964 1964–1	Fotal 1984-1965, 411,992-13

16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities - Ordinary Life Plan MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1000 AT CERTAIN AGES

	Age	Monthly Ann	uity for \$1000
	Age	Male	Female
Born 1941-1950	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931–1940	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921-1930	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911–1920	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901–1910	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891-1900	63	7.89	7.03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

Note: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.





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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

Under the Provisions of the

BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by 3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955) 5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957) 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58) 10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962) 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1966

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a re for the year ended March 31, 1966, of the operation of the agreements of pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Allan J. MacEachen Minister of National Health and Welf ne Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1965-66

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Operations during the Fiscal Year

In 1965, the Old Age Security Act was amended to lower the eligible ge from 70 to 65 effective January 1966. This reduction in pensionable ge will continue, one year at a time, until January, 1970, when the Old ge Security pension will be paid at age 65. The payment of old age security age 69, beginning January 1, 1966, resulted in a small reduction in the limber of recipients of blind persons allowances from January to March and reduced federal expenditure for this program in the fiscal year.

Federal expenditure under the Blind Persons Act was further reduced the discontinuance, beginning April 1, 1965, of payments to Quebec in cordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the pronce under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act. The fect of this Act and agreement is to make the blind persons allowances ogram one wholly financed and administered by the province with the make formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act being received through tax abatement to the province. The program continues to be administered, wever, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulators.

For 1965-66, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine ovinces and the two territories amounted to \$3,632,212.05. If payments Quebec had continued during 1965-66, the amount payable to that ovince would have been \$1,840,977.94, and the total for Canada would be been \$5,473,189.99. As at March 31, 1966, the number of recipients all provinces and the territories was 8,149.

Of the 997 applications dealt with by the provincial authorities during year, 620 were approved, 336 were not approved and 41 were not appleted. The lack of approval was due, in most cases, to failure to et the medical test. There were 601 recipients who were granted eral pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act from 1954-55 to 1965-66 are wn in the following summary.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be end in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

		Declined	Transferred	Recipients	
Fiscal year	Applications	or not	to old age	at end of	Federal
		completed	security	fiscal year	payments
					\$
1954-55	849	775	414	8,122	2,886,184.1
1955-56	883	609	318	8, 230	-2,918,494 1
1956-57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 7
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,7240
1958-59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4, 235, 131 4
1959-60	774	556	328	8,671	4, 198, 167 3
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4, 161, 832 9
1961-62	707	497	308	8,573	4, 129, 852 2
1962-63	758	383	284	8,634	4,881,829 1
1963-64	675	458	308	8,581	4,987,8974
1964-65	728	489	298	8,586	5,624,7019
1965-66	620	377	601	8,149	3,632,212 0

⁽¹⁾ Amount shown excludes Quebec. If payments had been made to Quebeduring 1965-66, the total figure would have been \$5,473,189.99

2. Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fisc year 1965-66. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

	Maximum	Age	Years of	Maximum yearly incom
Period	monthly	require-	residence	allowed including
	allowance	ment	in Canada	allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent chi 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent chil 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent chil 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent chil 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent chil 2,340 (married 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent chil 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended ring 1965-66. The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the tablished Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operanof the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the unner in which the program is financed.

Administration -- Federal

The Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of Divincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the Divinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also segment supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved the Governor in Council.

The Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Departnt is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. dical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal vernment. Oculists' fees during 1965-66 amounted to \$15,820.50 and welling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of plicants amounted to \$1,828.41.

Administration -- Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of evincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition 'provincial law' in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and culations in force as at March 31, 1966 --

BERTA --

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by Chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964.

(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

TISH COLUMBIA --

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

NITOBA --

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955, Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964.

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regul 103/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 15/62, fi February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 3/64, filed January 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK --

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND --

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowand (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953. The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowance (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Orde in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA --

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nov Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO --

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes o Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chap 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC --

"Blind Persons Allowances Act", Chapter 59, 13-14 Elizabeth II, 1965. (Regulations made by Order in Council number 271, dated February 17, 1966).

ASKATCHEWAN --

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955).

ORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

KON TERRITORY --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory 1964-59 dated June 26, 1964).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind sons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. It following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the mes of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Lef Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1966 --

BERTA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister -- Honourable L.C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer -- K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

TISH COLUMBIA --

Department -- Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister -- Honourable W.D. Black, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer -- E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances

Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister -- Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons!
Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer -- L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK --

Department -- Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister - Honourable J. D. MacCallum, Minister of Youth and Well Deputy Minister -- J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer -- J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister -- Honourable Myles P. Murray, Minister of Public Welfa
Deputy Minister -- R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfa
Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer -- George Pope, Director of Old Age Assistance,
St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister -- Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welf
Deputy Minister -- F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Wel
Provincial Authority -- Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer -- H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance,
Halifax.

ONTARIO --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Toronto. Minister -- Honourable Louis P. Cecile, Minister of Public Welfare

Deputy Minister -- J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare. Provincial Authority -- Director of Welfare Allowances Branch,

Toronto.

Chief Officer -- W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Bran

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

Department -- Department of Welfare and Labour, Charlottetown.

Minister -- Honourable Hubert B. McNeill, Minister of Welfare and
Labour.

Deputy Minister -- W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Lab Provincial Authority -- Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

UEBEC --

Department -- Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister -- Honourable René Levesque, Minister of Family and Social

Deputy Minister -- Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec. Chief Officer -- Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SKATCHEWAN --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister -- Honourable Dave Boldt, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- A. W. Sihvon, Acting Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer -- Mrs. D. I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

RTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Commissioner -- B.G. Sivertz, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority -- F. J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Ottawa.

KON TERRITORY --

Commissioner -- G.R. Cameron, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority -- C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Advisory Board and Regulations

During the fiscal year, subsection (2) of section 17 of the Blind sons Regulations was amended by adding allowances paid pursuant to Youth Allowances Act and the Schooling Allowances Act of Quebec to items which, at the request of the province, may be specified in an eement as items not to be included in the calculation of income.

The amendment to the Old Age Security Act lowering the age of ibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning pary 1966, made it necessary to amend subsection (2) of section 25 of Blind Persons Regulations. The amendment provides for the recovery a overpayment prior to the date on which the recipient first attains an at which pensions may be paid to persons under the Old Age Security instead of at age 70, where the allowance is reduced to effect recovery the remaining period of eligibility is less than five years.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations e regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met aly 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, , November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 25,700 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Bl The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered me than 9,500 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows --

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	355	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-17 years	1,658	Same as above
18-39 years	3,580	Same as above plus degenerative my
40-64 years	8,056	Same as above plus glaucoma, catara iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,335	Same
70-99	9, 756	Same
Over 100 years	28	Same
Total	25, 768	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 676 consecutive cases exam for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1966. It should pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incide of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons 18 years of age and over who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were --

	%
Congenital eye defects	16.9
Cataract and other lens disorders	15.7
Diabetic retinopathy	7.7
Optic atrophy of all types	9.0
Myopic degeneration	9.6
Primary glaucoma	8.4

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipie of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 88 blind

ecipients treated, 73 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since e inception of the plan in 1948, 1,188 recipients have been treated of whom 5 had their vision restored.

Comparison with Related Acts

The information given on page 16 relates to four Acts, the Old Age curity Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled ersons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying inditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general difference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare ograms as they were at March 31, 1966.

Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 37 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over -- Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 42 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act -- P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 4 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension -- P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 7 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being --
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);

- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension fro \$360 to \$480 a year -- Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provision of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclams tion dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing is additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to person in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 57 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 2 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 3 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 5 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 -- Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 5 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same .	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance(1)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances(1)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	69 years(2)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Same	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried- dependent child 2,580 - married 2,700 - married- blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitor excluded. Paym by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions requi
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowan old age security mothers allowane
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may speci minimum age, maximum allowa maximum incom allowed and any condition of eligi set forth in provi
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be con- tinuous if pensioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

⁽²⁾ Reduced from 70 to 69 as from January 1, 1966.

		British		New		Nova
	Alberta	Columbia	Manitoba	Brunswick	Newfoundland	Scotia
			Act (Federal) operative as from	ve as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	8 44	532	364	6.26	445	770
Percentage of recipients to total population	. 031	. 030	. 038	. 100	680 °	. 094
Average monthly payment,	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April j. 1965 March 31, 1969.	307,675 85	358, 286 73	251,385 52	438, 437 35	304, 202 75	487,503 .5

Total			x - x		- S	3,632,212 05(2)
Yukon Terrii ity		Apr. 1, 1952	9	. 040	\$ cts.	3,993.75
Northwest	e as from	Jan. 1, 1952	44	. 177	\$ cts.	32,310 00
Saskatchewan	Act (Federal) operative as from	Jan. 1, 1952	366	. 038	\$ cts.	248,003 93
Quebec		Jan. 1, 1952	2,712	. 047	\$ cts.	(1)
Prince Edward Island		Jan. 1, 1952	72	790.	\$ cts.	47, 371 74
Ontario		Jan. 1, 1952	1,820	. 027	\$ cts.	1, 153, 040 47
			Number of recipients	Percentage of recipients to total population	Average monthly payment,	Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1965 - March 31, 1966

Average monthly allowance (Canada) - 71,80

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1965-66.

⁽²⁾ If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$1, 840, 977. 94 for a total of \$5, 473, 189, 99.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

1965-66

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Province	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
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Alberta	72.64	72.69	72.73	72.56	72.65	72.47	72.50	72. 59	72.26	72.30	72.37	72.38
British Columbia	73.13	73.14	73.13	73, 13	73.20	73.29	73,22	73.07	72,95	73, 21	73, 28	73.30
Manitoba	72.63	72, 23	72.12	71.87	72.01	72.09	72.03	72, 08	72.07	72,21	72.17	72, 19
New Brunswick	73.98	73.97	73.96	73.92	73.94	73.77	73.74	73.71	73, 59	73, 53	73.49	73,35
Newfoundland	73.57	73.63	73.63	73, 85	73.90	73.84	73.83	73.77	73.66	73.54	73,33	73.27
Nova Scotia	73, 42	73, 42	73, 33	73.26	73, 16	72,96	72, 84	72.67	72.66	72, 46	72.51	72.72
Ontario	67.76	67.74	67.98	68.07	68, 03	68.09	67.86	67.75	67.52	67,45	67,36	67,54
Prince Edward Island	73, 47	73, 49	72. 78	72.81	72, 81	72. 81	72.78	72. 78	72. 81	72.93	72.93	72.92
Quebec	73,36	73,34	73,38	73.32	73,32	73, 25	73.29	73.24	73, 22	73, 28	73.29	73.28
Saskatchewan	72, 01	72.01	71.94	71.80	71.95	72.10	71.40	71.57	71.88	71.82	71.81	71,74
Northwest Territories	74, 39	74, 40	74, 40	74, 40	75, 00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Yukon Territory	75.00	75.00	75.00	75,00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75, 00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00

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New- foundland	11	4	15	6	15	15	11	9	13	4	2	24	154
New Brunswick	30	27	25	26	23	29	25	25	20	28	24	49	331
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Fiscal Year	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	Total

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13. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

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Fiscal Year	A	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New- Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatch- ewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon	Total
1951-1952	:	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	-1	2	8,079
1952-1953	:	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342	pri eri	2	8, 332
1953-1954	:	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	2	8,214
1954-1955	:	409	474	405	902	338	706	1,731	95	2,866	374	16	2	8,122
1955-1956	:	415	475	411	717	353	726	1,719	96	2,905	389	18	9	8, 230
1956-1957	:	418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	52	9	8, 256
1957-1958	:	451	505	392	715	376	745	1,720	96	2,956	412	27	ın	8, 400
1958-1959	:	464	530	409	724	407	787	1,833	67	3,056	417	28	2	8,747
1959-1960	:	459	541	396	706	418	773	1,847	ιΩ Ω	3,012	397	34	m	8,671
1960-1961	:	461	568	380	969	422	786	1,845	81	2,949	409	42	m	8,642
1961-1962	:	454	563	378	269	429	771	1,846	80	2,901	406	45	r	8,573
1962-1963	:	463	547	379	701	429	792	1,877	83	2,891	422	46	41	8,634
1963-1964	:	465	551	383	629	436	775	1,902	79	2,855	406	46	4	8,581
1964-1965	:	475	556	401	629	460	750	1,906	7.1	2,843	391	49	Ŋ	8, 586
1965-1966	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
April 1965	:	474	547	399	677	459	754	1,902	71	2,843	390	49	ເດ	8,570
May	:	473	549	396	675	462	755	1,915	72	2,830	391	20	9	8,574
June	:	465	545	396	929	466	751	1,915	7.1	2,821	391	20	9	8,553
July	:	471	544	393	675	465	752	1,902	72	2,816	389	50	9	8,5335
August	:	473	545	389	677	467	749	1,900	72	2,818	386	46	9	8, 531
September	:	473	543	389	674	462	746	1,897	72	2,817	386	49	9	8,514
October	:	473	546	387	661	457	747	1,894	7.1	2,803	390	49	9	8, 484
November	:	474	542	386	959	455	748	1,895	7.1	2,803	391	49	9	8, 476
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15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatch- ewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-1952.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts. 28,23749	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
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1954-1955		170, 795 84	145,013 60	256, 747 58		247, 787 65	607,709 18		1,028,75038	132,670 19	5, 175 00	00 006	2, 886, 184 15
1955-1956		166,771 68		258, 432 17		254,603 63	609,97415		1,036,242 60	135,21860	6,330 00	1,350 00	2, 918, 494 13
1956-1957	151,070 53	169,386 75	147, 725 00	258, 382 33	132,571 63	312 968 60	613,25734	31, 267 43	1,040,32267	141,839 14	7,447 50	2,160 00	2,959,525 74
1958-1959		248, 774 22		357, 742 06		376,544 49			1,500,856 38	203,033 80	12,745 50	2,505 75	4, 235, 131 48
1959-1960.	- 1	263,096		348, 796 68		378, 784 18			1,494,170 00	195,648 92	14,936 24	1,815 00	4, 198, 167 36
1960-1961		269,04952		341,685 95		380,910 70	840,963 74		1,456,77884	196, 127 28	18,833 43	1,485 00	4, 161, 832 93
1961-1962		270,365 01		349,23684	208,816 27	386,32497	836,687 45		1,412,00161	193,308 08	20, 580 00	1,485 00	4, 129, 852 26
1962-1963	271,515 93	319,456 73	214, 162 70	410,316.87	247,37736	450,27494	992,29996	47, 103 28	1,662,936 61	240,693 48	23,452 50	2,23875	4,881,82911
1964-1965	311,992 13	372, 208 44				509,670 87	1,179,137.67		1,892,813 46	256,06290	32,745 75	2,666 25	5,624,70190
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April 1965	26,382,98	29,911 28	21,828 73	37,73190	25,371 75	41,700 71	98,05230	3,912 11		21, 273 77	2, 733 75	281 25	309, 180 53
			21,77094	37,749 90	25,849 26	41,796 11	97,05172	4, 403 38		21, 103 17	2, 790 00	337 50	309, 207 94
June			21, 746 80	37,833 15	26, 459 40	38,623 84	98,327 08	3,875 70		20,965 01	2, 790 00	337 50	306,524.26
July		30,018 13	21 104 90	37, 232 57	26 271 45	41, 740 28	94,77895	2 02 1 05		20,801.22	2, 756 25	33750	304,049 23
August	26,330 29	30,566 65	21, 194 60	37 005 55	26,379,27	40,691.25	98 595 06	3 931 95		21,057.76	756	337 50	307.380.33
October		30, 533 62	21, 169 04	36, 255 83	25, 105 41	40,86135	97,362 44	3,875 70		20, 827 41	756	337 50	305, 234 13
	26, 292 26	29,637 51	20, 747 18	36,335 51	24,991 81	41,726 62	96,88102	3,875 70		21, 224 43	756	337 50	304,805 79
December	-41	30,453 02	21, 171 15	35,995 04	25,612 44	40,921 80	96, 732 45	3,875 70		20,685 67	2,756 25	337 50	304,285 50
January 1966		29, 224	19,88497	35, 235 45	24,438 60	39,846 56	92,951 24	3,881 70		20, 186 52		337 50	
February	2	28,	19, 774 66	34,502 12	462	39,683 76	92,368 51	3,937,95			2,475 00	337 50	
March	24, 190 83	29, 395 73	19,696 10	34,577 44	24,35131	39,17987	93,537 19	3,93795		19,78764	2,475 00	337 50	291, 466 56
Total	308,083 85	358, 286 73	251, 502 52	438,43735	304, 202 76	487, 782 95	1, 153, 479 79	47, 371 74	(1)	248, 471 93	32,310 00	3,993 75	3,633,923 37 (2)
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Announts recovered account of overpayments	544 00	:	156 00	:	:	372 00	585 76	:		624 00	:	:	2,28176
Add -													
Amounts reimbursed provinces account													
of overpayments	136 00	:	39 00	:		93 00	146 44	:		156 00	:	:	570 44
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(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Drograms (Interim Arrangements)	greement un	der the Fetal	olished Prog	rama (Interi	m Arrangem	ontol							

In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Onebec in 1965,66

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16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities -- Ordinary Life Plan

MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1000 AT CERTAIN AGES

		Monthly Annu	ity for \$1000
	Age	Male	Female
1941 - 1950	21	3.72	2 / 2
1741 - 1750	25	3. 80	3.63
	30	3.92	3.70
	30	3.72	3.79
1931 - 1940	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4.11	3.94
	40	4.32	4. 10
		1.00	1.10
1921 - 1930	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911 - 1920	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901 - 1910	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7.16	6.46
	65	8.07	7. 24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891 - 1900	4.2	7 90	7. 03
1071 - 1700	63 65	7.89 8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
	00	15.02	15.21
1890 and before	73	11.15	9.76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

e: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.











REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1967



Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952

as amended by

3-4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)

5-6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)

6 Elizabeth II. Chapter 4 (1957-58)

10-11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)

12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

14-15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

ROGER DUHAMEL, F.R.S.C. QUEEN'S PRINTER AND CONTROLLER OF STATIONERY Ottawa, 1968 Cat. No. H75-2/1967 To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1967, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Allan J. MacEachen Minister of National Health and Welfare.



The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare,

Sir, -- I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1967, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD
Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1966-67

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Federal expenditure under the Blind Persons Act was reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement by the province. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

For 1966-67, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$3,377,417.86. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1966-67, the amount payable to that province would have been \$1,714,788.94, and the total for Canada would have been \$5,092,206.80. As at March 31, 1967, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was \$7,582.

Of the 853 applications dealt with by the provincial authorities during he year, 549 were approved, 273 were not approved and 31 were not completed. The lack of approval was due, in most cases, to failure to neet the medical test. There were 579 recipients who were granted federal pensions under the Old Age Security Act.

Operations under the Blind Persons Act from 1955-56 to 1966-67 are hown in the following summary.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be ound in Parts 10 to 15 of this report.

		Declined	Transferred	Recipients	
Fiscal year	Applications	or not	to old age	at end of	Federal
,	approved	completed	security	fiscal year	payments
					\$ cts.
1955-56	883	609	318	8,230	2,918,494 13
1956-57	803	506	307	8,256	2,959,525 74
1957-58	834	557	322	8,400	3,575,724 04
1958-59	1,037	685	326	8,747	4, 235, 131 48
1959-60	774	556	328	8,671	4,198,167 36
1960-61	698	567	292	8,642	4,161,832 93
1961-62	707	497	308	8,573	4,129,852 26
1962-63	758	383	284	8,634	4,881,829 11
1963-64	675	458	308	8,581	4,987,897 43
1964-65	728	489	298	8,586	5,624,701 90
1965-66	620	377	601	8,149	3,632,212 05(1)
1966-67	549	304	579	7,582	3, 377, 417 86(1)

Amount shown excludes Quebec. If payments had been made to Quebec during 1966-67, the total figure would have been \$5,092,206.80

2. Amendments to the Act

During the fiscal year the Act was amended with effect from April 1, 1966. The amendment provides that provinces that sign agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and may also transfer current recipients of allowances to a provincial program coming under the Plan provided that they receive comparable or greater benefits. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows -

	Maximum	Age	Years of	Maximum yearly income
Period	monthly	require-	residence	allowed including
	allowance	ment	in Canada	allowance
January 1, 1952 to	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried)
June 27, 1955				1,040 (dependent child)
				1,320 (married)
				1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to	40	18	10	960 (unmarried)
June 30, 1957				1,160 (dependent child)
				1,560 (married)
				1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried)
October 31, 1957				1,560 (dependent child)
				1,740 (married)
				1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried)
to January 31,				1,680 (dependent child)
1962			1	1,980 (married)
				2, 100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried)
to November 30, '				1,860 (dependent child)
1963				2, 340 (married)
				2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1,	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried)
1963				1,980 (dependent child)
				2, 580 (married)
				2,700 (blind spouse)

Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended uring 1966-67. The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the stablished Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operaton of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

Administration -- Federal

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and ervices Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is esponsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of llowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of rovincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

The Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Redical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal overnment. Oculists' fees during 1966-67 amounted to \$14,180.40 and avelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of opplicants amounted to \$1,964.45.

Administration -- Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of rovincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition ["provincial law" in the federal Act.

The following is a list of provincial acts, territorial ordinances and egulations in force as at March 31, 1967 --

LBERTA --

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 24, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, as amended by Chapter 106, Statutes of Alberta, 1964.

(Blind Persons Regulations, Alberta Regulation 294/60, filed September 29, 1960, Order in Council 1432/60).

RITISH COLUMBIA --

Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 1, Statutes of British Columbia, 1951 (Second Session).

(Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 3030, dated December 18, 1951).

ANITOBA --

The Blind Persons! Allowances Act, Chapter 18, Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1954, as amended by Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1955, Chapter 6, Statutes of Manitoba, 1959 (Second Session) and Chapter 4, Statutes of Manitoba, 1964.

(Manitoba Regulation 25/52, filed July 11, 1952, as amended by Manitoba Regulation 55/57, filed June 28, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 103/57, filed December 11, 1957, Manitoba Regulation 15/62, filed February 27, 1962 and Manitoba Regulation 3/64, filed January 3, 1964).

NEW BRUNSWICK --

The Blind Persons Allowance Act, Chapter 19, Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1952, as amended by Chapter 23, Statutes of New Brunswick, 1960-61.

(The Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order in Council 52-1305, dated August 19, 1952).

NEWFOUNDLAND --

The Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 62, Revised Statutes of Newfoundland, 1952, as amended by The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1953, No. 13, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1953, The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1957, No. 48, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1957 and The Blind Persons Allowances (Amendment) Act, 1958, No. 2, Statutes of Newfoundland, 1958.

(The Blind Persons Allowances Regulations, 1952, made by Order in Council 1037-52, dated November 5, 1952).

NOVA SCOTIA --

Blind Persons Allowances Act, Chapter 23, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1954, as amended by Chapter 16, Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1957. (There are no regulations under the Act).

ONTARIO --

The Blind Persons' Allowances Act, Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1960.

(Ontario Regulation 38, Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1960).

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

The Blind Persons Act, Chapter 154, Revised Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1951, as amended by Chapter 7, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1952, Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1957, Chapter 4, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1958 and Chapter 3, Statutes of Prince Edward Island, 1960.

(The Blind Persons Regulations, made by Order in Council dated December 27, 1951).

QUEBEC --

"Blind Persons Allowances Act", Chapter 59, 13-14 Elizabeth II, 1965. (Regulations made by Order in Council number 271, dated February 17, 1966).

SASKATCHEWAN ---

The Blind Persons! Allowances Act, Chapter 243, Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953, as amended by Chapter 59, Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1955.

(The Blind Persons' Allowances Regulations, made by Order in Council 870, dated April 22, 1955, as amended by Order in Council 690/66 dated April 1, 1966).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 74, Revised Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1956, as amended by Chapter 2, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1957 (Second Session), Chapter 3, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1958 (First Session), Chapter 12, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories 1962 (Second Session) and Chapter 10, Ordinances of the Northwest Territories, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, dated March 25, 1952).

YUKON TERRITORY --

Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Ordinance, Chapter 82, Revised Ordinances of the Yukon Territory, 1958, as amended by Chapter 2, 1961 (First Session), Chapter 17, 1962 (First Session) and Chapter 3, 1964 (First Session). (The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance Regulations, made by Order of the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory 1964-59 dated June 26, 1964).

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the tames of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1967 --

LBERTA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister -- Honourable L.C. Halmrast, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer -- K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

RITISH COLUMBIA --

Department -- Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister -- Honourable D.R.J. Gampbell, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer -- E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances

Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister -- Honourable J. B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer -- L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK --

Department -- Department of Youth and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister - Honourable J.D. MacCallum, Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- J. E. Anderson, Deputy Minister of Youth and Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer -- J. L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister -- Honourable Aiden Maloney, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer -- George Pope, Director of Old Age Assistance,

St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA --

Department -- Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister -- Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer -- H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance,

Halifax.

ONTARIO --

Department -- Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister -- Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister -- J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer -- W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister -- Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare,

Deputy Minister -- W. W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare and Labour.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

QUEBEC --

Department -- Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister -- Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer -- Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN --

Department -- Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister -- Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister -- A. W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority -- Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer -- Mrs. D. I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES --

Commissioner -- S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority -- F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY --

Commissioner -- James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority -- C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Advisory Board and Regulations

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Regulations during 966-67.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met n July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 25,700 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered more than 9,500 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows --

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	355	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-17 years	1,658	Same as above
18-39 years	3,580	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40-64 years	8,056	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,335	Same
70-99	9,756	Same
Over 100 years	28	Same
1 Otal	25, 768	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 645 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1967. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons 18 years of age and over who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were	
	%
Congenital eye defects	19.2
Cataract and other lens disorders	12.7
Diabetic retinopathy	10.8
Myopic Degeneration	9.9
Optic atrophy of all types	9.6
Retinitis pigmentosa	8.4
Primary glaucoma	7.4

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 71 blind

recipients treated, 59 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, 1,259 recipients have been treated of whom 994 had their vision restored.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

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The information given on page 18 relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1967.

- Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances
- 937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over -- Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act -- P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension -- P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 347 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being --
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);

- (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year -- Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament -- Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.

- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 -- Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 966 Blind Persons Allowances Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Pro- vincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administration	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance (1)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowances(1)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	68 years(2)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$75 a month	Saine	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applicable	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse	\$1,500 - unmarried 1,980 - unmarried- dependent child 2,580 - married 2,700 - married- blind spouse	\$1,260 - unmarried 2,220 - married 2,580 - married- blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applicable	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, dis- ability or war veterans allow- ance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allow- ance, old age secu- rity or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war yeterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable requirements	Not applicable	Province may spec- ify minimum age, maximum assist- ance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may spec- ify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pensioner has 25 years residence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

⁽²⁾ Reduced from 69 to 68 as from January 1, 1967.

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	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova
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⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1966-67.

⁽²⁾ If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$1,714,788.94 for a total of \$5,092,206.80.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

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AVERAGE BLINDNESS ALLOWANCE IN EACH MONTH OF FISCAL YEAR 1966-67

	March	49	71.89	73.60	72.58	73.44	72.98	73.19	61.09	72.92	73.17	71.60	75.00	75.00
1961	February	us	72.14	73.77	72.38	73. 29	72.98	73.51	90.79	72.92	73.17	71.05	75.00	75.00
	January	49	72.46	73.76	72.37	73.26	73.06	73.39	67.14	72.98	73.14	71.42	75.00	75.00
	December	49	72.24	73.82	72.34	73,35	73.19	73.34	67.28	72.98	73.15	71.41	75.00	75.00
	November	49	72.40	73.87	72.36	73,30	73.14	73.14	67.43	73.01	73.17	71.60	75.00	75.00
	October	US.	72.76	73.87	72.37	73,39	73.14	72.92	67.42	73,04	73.20	71.55	75.00	75.00
	September	44	72.71	73.64	72.17	73,35	73.09	72.89	67.41	73.04	73.12	71.60	75.00	75.00
1966	August	4	72.88	73.60	71.90	73.24	73.07	72.96	67.42	73.01	73,15	71.35	75.00	75.00
	July	44	72.62	73.58	72.09	73.18	73.08	72.91	67.34	73.06	73.16	71.37	75.00	75.00
	June	69	72.70	73.67	72, 20	73.27	73.09	72.82	67.30	72.90	73.24	71.50	75.00	75.00
	May	1/9	72.82	73.61	72.24	73.38	73.10	72.80	67.38	72.90	73.32	71.52	75.00	75.00
	April	49	72.64	73.59	72.15	73.38	73,20	72.74	67.41	72.95	73.32	71.73	75.00	75.00
Province			Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory

Total	318	307	322	326	328	292	308	284	308	862	109	570	4, 271
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New	27	55	92	23	56	52	25	20	87	24	4	47	348
Manitoba	14	21	115	4	20	22	17	17	91	4	17	31	242
British Columbia	25	20	21	23	25	21	20	18	23	51	3.5	12	288
Alberta	28	16	23	59	20	4.	18	19	9	16	32	37	258
Fiscal Year	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1961-0961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	Total

13. Number of Recipients at end of each Fiscal Year from Inception of Act

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British	Manitoba	New Brunswick	New- foundland	Nova	Ontario	Fdward	Quebec	Saskatch- ewan	Northwest	Yukon	Total
1951-1952	376	426	401	783	321	734	1,604	75	3,013	343	-	2	8,079
1952-1953	383	485	430	750	336	722	1,751	79	3,041	342		2	8, 332
1953-1954	400	488	411	731	336	718	1,710	06	2,949	366	13	2	8, 214
1954-1955	409	474	405	206	338	706	1,731	9.5	2,866	374	91	2	8,122
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	418	482	402	719	370	714	1,713	06	2,918	399	25	9	8, 256
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1958-1959	464	530	409	724	407	787	1,833	87	3, 056	417	28	S	8,747
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1961-1962	454	563	378	269	429	171	1,846	80	2,901	406	45	23	8,573
1962-1963	463	547	379	101	429	792	1,877	60	2,891	422	46	4	8,634
1963-1964	465	551	383	629	436	775	1,902	79	2,855	406	46	4	8,581
1964-1965	475	929	401	619	460	750	1,906	17	2,843	391	49	īŪ	. 8,586
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	435	511	353	624	443	717	1,794	11	2,673	335	44	9	8, 006
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15. Recapitulation of Federal Payments from Inception of Act

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⁽²⁾ If payments had been made to Quebec, amount would have been increased by \$1,714,788.94 for a total of \$5,092,206.80.

16. Immediate Canadian Government Annuities -- Ordinary Life Plan

MONTHLY ANNUITY PURCHASABLE WITH \$1000 AT CERTAIN AGES

	Λ α ο	Monthly Annu	ity for \$1000
	Age	Male	Female
orn 1941 - 1950	21	3.72	3.63
	25	3.80	3.70
	30	3.92	3.79
1931 - 1940	23	3.78	3.68
	25	3.82	3.71
	30	3.95	3.81
	35	4. 11	3.94
	40	4.32	4.10
1921 - 1930	33	4.08	3.91
	35	4.15	3.97
	40	4.37	4.13
	45	4.66	4.35
	50	5.02	4.63
1911 - 1920	43	4.61	4.30
	45	4.74	4.40
	50	5.12	4.69
	55	6.37	5.84
	60	6.99	6.36
1901 - 1910	53	5.52	4.98
	55	6.51	5.92
	60	7. 16	6.46
	65	8.07	7.24
	70	9.40	8.38
1891 - 1900	63	7.89	7. 03
	65	8.31	7.39
	70	9.68	8.56
	75	11.76	10.35
	80	15.02	13.21
1890 and before	73	11.15	9. 76
	75	12.09	10.58
	80	15.31	13.42
	85	20.45	18.08

Note: These are the rates in effect since April 1, 1964. The figures start with the youngest age that could have occurred at that date. Government annuities are not issued under age twenty-one.



REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1968



Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952

as amended by

- 3 4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)
- 5 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)
- 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58)
- 10 11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)
- 12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)
- 14 15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

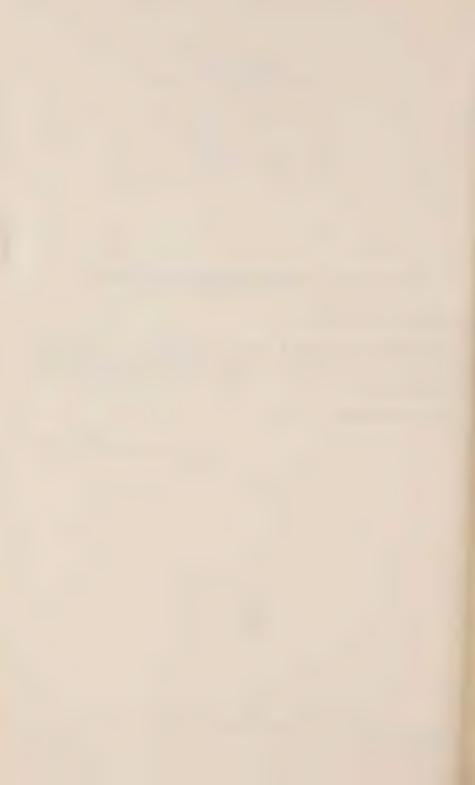
To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.. Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1968, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements nade pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John C. Munro Minister of National Health and Welfare.



The Honourable John C. Munro

Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir. - I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1968, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1967-68

1. Operations during the Fiscal Year

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Federal expenditure under the Blind Persons Act was reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement by the province. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966 and by Ontario on April 1, 1967. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968, however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1967–68, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$2,314,248.40. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1967–68, the amount payable to that province would have been \$1,631,232.29, and the total for Canada would have been \$3,945,480.69. As at March 31, 1968, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 5,808.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 13 of this report.

2. Amendments to the Act

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1967–68. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age require- ment	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. Agreements with Provinces and Territories

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended during 1967–68. The agreement made in 1965–66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act did not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. Administration-Federal

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

The Medical Rehabilitation Division in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1967–68 amounted to \$9,312.30 and travelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of applicants amounted to \$881.95.

5. Administration-Provincial

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1968 —

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton.

Minister - Honourable A.J. Hooke, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer - K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria.

Minister - Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver,

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Welfare, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable J.B. Carroll, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - K.O. MacKenzie, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority — The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer — L.D. McNeill, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister - Honourable Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister - J.G. LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Frederiction.

Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.

Minister - Honourable H.V.R. Earle, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer - R. W. Moore, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.

Minister - Honourable James M. Harding, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

Chief Officer - H.S. Farquhar, Director of Old Age Assistance, Halifax.

INTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister - Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer - W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister - Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Blind Persons Allowances, Charlottetown.

OUEBEC -

Department - Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister — Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister - Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer — Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer - Mrs. D.I. Zarski, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner – S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority — F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY

Commissioner — James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority — C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. Advisory Board and Regulations

The Blind Persons Regulations were amended during 1967-68 to permit provinces, by agreement, the exclusion in the calculation of income of the two per cent increase in benefits under the Old Age Security Act which became effective January 1, 1968.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. Blindness in Canada

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 26,400 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness

increases with age and there are registered more than 10,200 blind persons over age 70. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows -

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	369	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
7-17 years	1,717	Same as above
18-39 years	3,699	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40-64 years	8,036	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,356	Same
70-99	10,196	Same
Over 100 years	38	Same
Total	26,411	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 432 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1968. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons 18 years of age and over who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

Congenital	
Chorioretinitis, Uveitis	
Optic Atrophy	
Lens and cataract	
Diabetic retinopathy	
Glaucoma	
Retinitis Pigmentosa	
Degenerative Myopia	
Corneal Scars and Dystrophies	
Others 3.9	

The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 25 blind recipients treated, 22 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, 1,284 recipients have been treated of whom 1,016 had their vision restored.

During the year several provinces exercised the option afforded by agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, whereby all applications for social assistance could be considered under that Plan. This consolidation has meant that applications in those provinces are no longer processed under the provisions of the Blind Persons Act and Regulations. This is reflected in the decrease in the number of eye reports reviewed and of persons granted Blindness Allowances. The number of treatment plan cases has decreased for the same reason, and also because of the

increasing coverage of provincial populations by medical insurance provisions.

8. Comparison with Related Acts

The information given on page 14 relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1968.

9. Changes from Inception of Blindness Allowances

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over — Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pensions Act P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence

- requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).
- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
 - (Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed -- Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 966 Blind Persons Allowances Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.

	Old Age Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administra-	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance(1)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowance(1)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	67 years(2)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	76.50 a month	\$75 a month.	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married- blind spouse	\$1,500 — unmarried 1,980 — unmarried- dependent child 2,580 — married 2,700 — married- blind spouse	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable require- ments	Not applica- ble	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continu- ous if pen- sioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

⁽¹⁾ The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs(Interim Arrangements) Act.

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	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	. Total
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(2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$1,631,232.29 for a total of \$3,945,480.69 (3) During the fiscal year certain provinces ceased accepting applications for allowance and transferred some of their recipients to other provincial programs. This accounts for the reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

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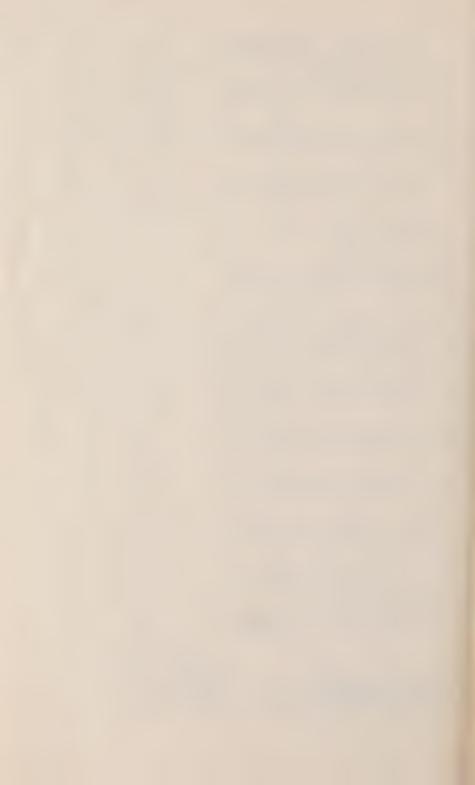
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(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1967-68. (2) If payments had been made to Quebec, amount would have been increased by \$1,631,232.29 for a total of \$3,946,480.89.



REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969





Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952 as amended by

3 - 4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)

5 - 6 Elizabeth II. Chapter 14 (1957)

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10 - 11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)

12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

14 - 15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

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To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C.. Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1969, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John C. Munro Minister of National Health and Welfare.



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	JOSEPH W. WILLARD
	Deputy Minister of National Welfare.
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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1968-69

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Federal expenditure under the Blind Persons Act was reduced by the discontinuance of payments to Quebec in accordance with a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The program continues to be administered, however, in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966 and by Ontario on April 1, 1967. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968, however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1968-69, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$2,057,000.39. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1968-69, the amount payable to that province would have been \$1,532,632.05, and the total for Canada would have been \$3,589,632.44. As at March 31, 1969, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 5,267.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 13 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1968-69. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age require- ment	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended during 1968-69. Each agreement provides for payment of allowances based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including allowance, allowed by the Act.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

Rehabilitation Services in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1968-69 amounted to \$6,520.05 and travelling expenses of oculists in connection with the medical examination of applicants amounted to \$915.75.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1969 -

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton. Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton. Chief Officer - K.T. Motherwell, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria. Minister - Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

MANITOBA

Department - Department of Health and Social Services, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable George Johnson, M.D., Minister of Health and Social Services.

Deputy Minister - Dr. J.B. Morison, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton. Minister - Honourable Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister - Dr. J.G. Clarkson, Acting Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, St. John's. Minister - Honourable Edward Roberts, Minister of Public

Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer - R.W. Moore, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax. Minister - Honourable Percy Gaum, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax. Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services. Toronto.

Minister - Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - J.S. Band, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer - W.S. Groom, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown. Minister - Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare. Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons

Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Blind Persons Allowances, Charlottetown.

OUEBEC -

Department - Department of Family and Social Welfare. Minister - Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare. Deputy Minister - Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Quebec Social Allowances Commission,

Quebec.

Chief Officer - Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina. Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare. Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare. Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance. Regina.

Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance,

Regina.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - F.J. Neville, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ottawa.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age

Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

. ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

The Blind Persons Regulations were amended during 1967-68 nd again during 1968-69 to permit provinces, by agreement, the xclusion in the calculation of income of the two per cent ncrease in benefits under the Old Age Security Act which ecame effective January 1, 1968 and January 1, 1969.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend Iterations to the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal ear. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 nd September 28 and 29, 1959.

. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada whom some 26,400 are registered with the Canadian National istitute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases with age and there are registered more than 10,200 blind persons ver age 70. The latest available figures for different age goups are as follows -

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
6 years and under	369 1,717 3,699 8,036	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection Same as above Same as above plus degenerative myopia Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis, hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-69 years	2,356	Same
70-99	10,196	Same
Over 100 years	38	Same
Total	26,411	

The cause of blindness was recorded in 394 consecutive cases examined for blindness allowance during the year ending March 31, 1969. It should be pointed out that this group does not necessarily represent the overall incidence of blindness in Canada as it is made up of persons 18 years of age and over who qualify under the Blind Persons Act.

The major causes of blindness in this group were -

	77 0
Congenital	33.0
Chorioretinitis, Uveitis	3.5
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Optic Atrophy	
The standard	10.7
Lens and cataract	5.6
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Retinitis Pigmentosa	
Decompositive Myonia	/ 6 7
Degenerative my opin	5.0
Corneal Scars and Dystrophies	12 5
Others	12.3
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The treatment scheme, operated in conjunction with most of the provinces, provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75 per cent. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 19 blind recipients treated, 13 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, 1,303 recipients have been treated of whom 1,029 had their vision restored.

During the year several provinces exercised the option afforded by agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, where all applications for social assistance could be considered under

that Plan. This consolidation has meant that applications in those provinces are no longer processed under the provisions of the Blind Persons Act and Regulations. This is reflected in the decrease in the number of eye reports reviewed and of persons granted Blindness Allowances. The number of treatment plan cases has decreased for the same reason, and also because of the increasing coverage of provincial populations by medical insurance provisions.

8. COMPARISON WITH RELATED ACTS

The information given on page 16 relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1969.

9. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- .942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);

(b) an increase in the maximum amounts of Income allowed;

(c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;

(d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement; (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating

residence in Canada;

(f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;

(g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);

(h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind appli-

cant from 40 to 21 years.

- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.

- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, provides for certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be wholly financed and administered by a province with the federal contribution being replaced by a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 1966 Blind Persons Allowances Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income Date of Assent December 21, 1966.

	Old Age (1) Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
tion Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance (2)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowance(2)	Same
Source of funds		Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum		65 years	18 years	18 years
age Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment		\$75 a month.	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble (1)	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married- blind spouse	\$1,500 — unmarried 1,980 — unmarried- dependent child 2,580 — married 2,700 — married- blind spouse	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, blindness or war veterans allow ance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable	Not applica-	Province may specify	Province may specify	Province may specify
require- ments	ble	minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	minimum age, maximum allowance maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibili set forth in provincia law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continuous if pen- sioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return province may pay up to 153 days	Same	Same

(1) Includes the guaranteed income supplement program payable to 0ld Age Security pensioners. The maximum monthly supplement is reduced by \$1.00 per month for each \$2.00 of monthly income above the flat rate pension. Maximum payment increased from \$30.60 to \$31.20 effective 1 January, 1969.

(2) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

(3) Reduced from 67 to 66 as from January 1, 1969.

Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1969

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Number of recipients	315	439	276	491	401	577
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	73.55	73.50	71.99	73.99	73.30	73.50
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969	229, 294.13 300, 887.95 186, 794.87	300,887.95	186,794.87	345,043.88	277,298.24 405,049.27	405,049.27

	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			A	Act (Federal) operative as from	perative as fr	шо	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	330	63	2,242	66	30	4	5,267
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Average monthly payment	51.52	73.27	73.53	65.85	75.00	75.00	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1968 - March 31, 1969	178,717.33	40,336.82	(1)	67,090.96	22,968.75	3,518.19	3,518.19 2,057,000.39

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$71.95.

- (1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1968-69.
- (2) If payments had been made to Quebec amount would have been increased by \$1,532,632.05 for a total of \$3,589,632.44.
- (3) During the fiscal year certain provinces ceased accepting applications for allowances and transferred some of their recipients to other provincial programs. This accounts for the reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS 1968-69

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(1) The Provinces of Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan ceased accepting applications for allowance prior to April 1, 1968. (2) Newfoundland granted allowances to 35 blind persons; however, detailed statistical data are not available.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES

FISCAL YEARS 1958-59 to 1968-69

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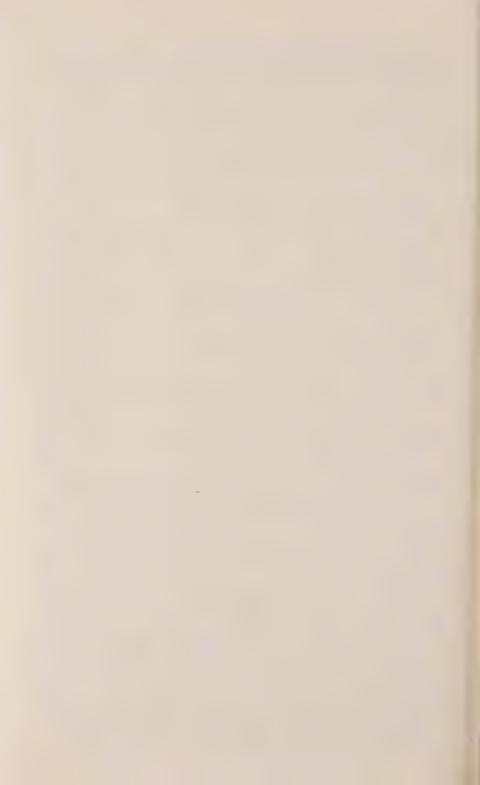
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	Alberta		376	383	400	605	415	875	451	797	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	
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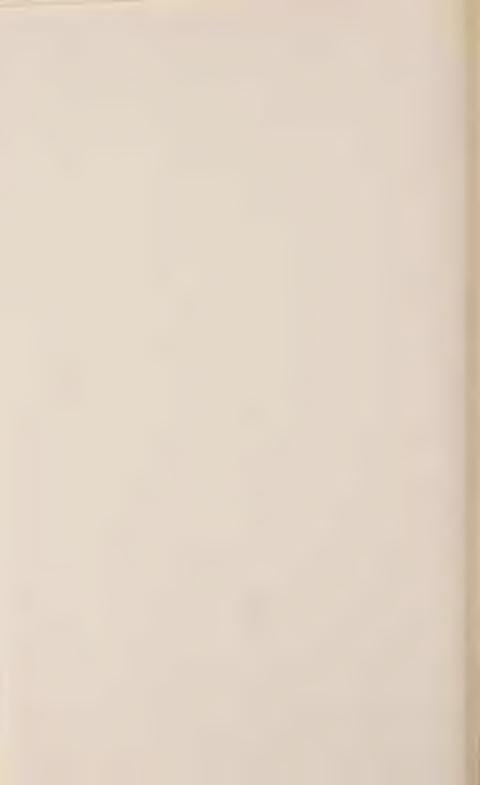
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(2) If payments had been made to Quebec, amount would have been increased by \$1,532,632.05 for a total of \$3,589,632.44.







REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1970



Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952

as amended by

3 - 4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)

5 - 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)

6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58)

10 - 11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)

12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

14 - 15 Elizabeth II, Chapter 45 (1966)

To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C..
Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year ended March 31, 1970, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John C. Munro Minister of National Health and Welfare.



The Honourable John C. Munro
Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, — I have the honour to submit to you a report for the year ended March 31, 1970, of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons Act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements made pursuant to the said Act.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1969-70

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continued to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966 and by Ontario on April 1, 1967. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968, however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1969-70, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$1,853,441.72. If payments to Quebec had continued during 1969-70, the amount payable to that province would have been \$1,442,994.87, and the total for Canada would have been \$3,296,436.59. As at March 31, 1970, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 4,818.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 10 to 13 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1969-70. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age require- ment	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	6 5	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended during 1969-70. Each agreement provides for payment of allowances based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including allowance, allowed by the Act.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Welfare Assistance and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. The Division also has general supervision of provincial schemes for administration approved by the Governor in Council.

Rehabilitation Services in the Health Branch of the Department is responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are made by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1969-70 amounted to \$6,577.00.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1970.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, St. John's.
Minister - Honourable Stephen A. Neary, Minister of Public
Welfare.

Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer - Frank J. Simms, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown. Minister - Honourable Lorne Bonnell, M.D., C.M., Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare. Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Blind Persons Allowances, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax. Minister - Honourable Gordon A. Tidman, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax. Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton. Minister - Honourable Norbert Thériault, Minister of Health and Welfare.

Deputy Minister - Dr. J.G. Clarkson, Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Family and Social Welfare.

Minister - Honourable Jean-Paul Cloutier, Minister of
Health and Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

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Deputy Minister - Roger Marier, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

Chief Officer - Jean-Marie Bouchard, President, Quebec Social Allowances Commission, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister - Honourable John Yaremko, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - M. Borczak, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer - J.E. McKnight, Director of Welfare Allowance: Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Services, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable Rene Toupin, Minister of Health and Social Services. Deputy Minister - Dr. J.B. Morison, Deputy Minister of

Deputy Minister - Dr. J.B. Morison, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina.

Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance,

Regina.

Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA - -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Edmonton. Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton. Chief Officer - W.L. Casselman, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Social Welfare, Victoria. Minister - Honourable D.R.J. Campbell, Minister of Social Welfare.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the

Northwest Territories. Territorial Authority - K.J. Torrance, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon

Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.
Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age
Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse, Y.T.

6. ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

The Blind Persons Regulations were amended during 1969-70 to permit provinces, by agreement, the exclusion in the calculation of income of the two per cent increase in benefits under the Old Age Security Act which became effective January 1, 1970.

The Advisory Board established by the Act to recommend alterations to the regulations, did not meet during the fiscal year. The Board has met on July 16 and 17, 1951, January 25 and 26, 1954, September 20 and 21, 1954, November 5 and 6, 1956 and September 28 and 29, 1959.

7. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 27,200 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases

with age and there are registered more than 13,000 blind persons over age 65. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows -

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
5 years and under	303	Congenital eye defects, injuries, infection
6-15 years	1,380	Same as above
16-39 years	4,373	Same as above plus degenerative myopia
40-64 years	7,931	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis, retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tuberculosis hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-80 years	7,874	Same
81 years and over Total	5,323 27,184	Same

With a further decrease in the number of applicants for Blind Persons Allowance in the year ending March 31, 1970, the review of causes of blindness among those applicants who were medically eligible covered 360 cases compared to 394 in the preceding year. As in previous years, congenital eye disease stood out as the category responsible for the highest percentage of blindness in this group.

The treatment scheme now operating in only some provinces provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75%. During the past fiscal year out of a total of 21 treated 18 had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948 when all the provinces agreed to participate 1,324 recipients have been treated and 1,047 have had their vision restored.

8. COMPARISON WITH RELATED ACTS

The information given on page 16 relates to four Acts, the Old Age Security Act, Old Age Assistance Act, Blind Persons Act and Disabled Persons Act. These Acts provide for benefit payments, subject to varying conditions, to specific groups where need is most likely to be fairly general and permanent. The purpose of the information is to provide a ready reference showing the most important features of each of the four welfare programs as they were at March 31, 1970.

9. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over - Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension -P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;

 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;(d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating
 - residence in Canada;

 (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow:
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.
 - (Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.

- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 1966 Blind Persons Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income Date of Assent December 21, 1966.

	Old Age (1) Security Act	Old Age Assistance Act	Blind Persons Act	Disabled Persons Act
Legislation	Federal Act only	Federal Act, Provincial Acts and Territorial Ordinances	Same	Same
Administra-	Federal	Federal and Provincial	Same	Same
Agreements	None	Agreements for sharing cost of assistance (2)	Agreements for sharing cost of allowance(2)	Same
Source of funds	Federal 100%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%	Federal 75% Provincial 25%	Federal 50% Provincial 50%
Minimum age	65 years(3)	65 years	18 years	18 years
Residence in Canada	10 years preceding approval or 40 years after age 18	10 years preceding commencement	Same	Same
Maximum payment	\$79.58 a month	\$75 a month.	Same	Same
Maximum income allowed	Not applica- ble (1)	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married- blind spouse	\$1,500 — unmarried 1,980 — unmarried- dependent child 2,580 — married 2,700 — married- blind spouse	\$1,260 — unmarried 2,220 — married 2,580 — married blind spouse
Medical test	None	None	Blindness defined by regulation	Total and permanent disability defined by regulation
Institutions	No restrictions	Same	Same	Mental institutions and T.B. sanitoria excluded. Payment by individuals of greater part of support in other institutions required
Assistance from other sources	Not applica- ble	Applicant debarred by receipt of blindness, disability or war veterans allowance or old age security	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, disability or war veterans allowance, old age security or pension in respect of blindness under the Pension Act	Applicant debarred by receipt of old age assistance, biindness or war veterans allowance, old age security or mothers allowance
Variable require- ments	Not applicable	Province may specify minimum age, maximum assistance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law	Province may specify maximum allowance and maximum income allowed	Province may specify minimum age, maximum allowance, maximum income allowed and any condition of eligibility set forth in provincial law
Absence from Canada	Payment up to 6 months of absence. May be continu- ous if pen- sioner has 25 years resi- dence in Canada after age 21	Payment suspended but on return	Same	Same

⁽¹⁾ Includes the guaranteed income supplement program payable to Old Age Security pensioners. The maximum monthly supplement is reduced by \$1.00 per month for each \$2.00 of monthly income above the flat rate pension. Maximum payment increased from \$31.20 to \$31.83 effective 1 January, 1970.

(2) The manner in which the Government of Canada will contribute may be altered by an agreement with a province under the Established Programs

⁽Interim Arrangements) Act.
(3) Reduced from 66 to 65 as from January 1, 1970.

		Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia
				Act (Federal) o	Act (Federal) operative as from		
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Feders Government's contributions April 1, 1969 - March 31, 1970	April 1, 1969	192,337.76	292,556.56	174,387.68	336.40	261,979.07	370,106.53
	Ontario	Frince Edward Talend	Quebec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
			Act (Fed	Act (Federal) operative as from	from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952	
Number of recipients	258	50	2,115	89	28	17	4,818

Total		952	4,818	\$ cts.	(2) 1,853,441.72
Yukon Territory		Apr. 1, 1952	77	\$ cts.	2,700.00
Northwest	as from	Jan. 1, 1952	28	\$ cts.	20,085.00
Saskatchewan	Act (Federal) operative as from	Jan. 1, 1952	89	\$ ets. 73.19	51,482.40
Quebec	Act (Fe	Jan. 1, 1952	2,115	\$ cts.	(1)
Edward		Jan. 1, 1952	20	\$ cts.	37,495.32
Ontario		Jan. 1, 1952	258	\$ cts.	135,975.00
		nere de	Number of recipients	Average monthly payment	lederal Government's contributions April 1, 1969 - March 31, 1970

Average monthly allowance (Canada) \$72.13.

(2) if payments had been made to sucher amount would have been increased by \$1,442,394.87 for a total of \$3,296,436.59.

⁽¹ In accordance with a agreement under the Established Program (Interim Arrangements) Act no payments were made to Quebec in 1969-70.

^(*) The provinces of Seskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

11. Provincial Statistical Data Furnished by Provincial Authorities

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1969-1970

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(1) The provinces of Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan ceased accepting applications for allowances prior to April 1, 1969.

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%	7.62	7.31	7.50	5.94	5.78	7.14		7.42	7.65	8.84	6.85	7.80
	58	73	747	99	47	55	35-44	79	61	28	22	24
%	64.7	10.46	6.65	8.71	96.9	7.55		12.74	11.11	8.53	8.87	8.92
	119	113	105	113	98	92	45-54	102	82	87	3.5	677
%	15.37	16.19	14.85	14.91	12.74	12.64		16.45	14.94	14.63	14.11	15 62
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each Fig	Nova Scotia	734	722	718	902	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577		576	
at end	New- foundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	7 60	445	438	417	401	120	1/0	
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	Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	607	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	607	
12.	British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	568	563	247	551	556	532	787	451	439	7,30		
	Alberta	376	383	007	607	415	418	451	797	459	195	454	463	465	4/5	877	412	376	315	796		
	Fiscal Year	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	195/-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970.		

Fiscal Year	Alberta	British Columbia	Manitoba	New Brunswick	Newfoundland	Nova	Ontario	Prince Edward Island	Onepec	Saskatchewan	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
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1951-1952	33,766.59	37,827.17	35,948.87	69,185.98	28,237.49	64,199.33	142,984,241	6,460.17	271,902.08	30,667.15	00.06	180.00	721,449.24
1952-1953 • • •	133,821.88	162,910.06	153,548.81	273,940.64	17,936.51	253,717.72	632,328.83	26,680.54	1,104,179.94	123,692.07	1,740.00	720.00	2,985,217.00
1953-1954	135,585.97	174,964.30	148,244.15	263,725.96	121,952.16	250,566.53	602,041.45	28,126.12	1,057,841.80	125,796.13	4,537.50	720.00	2,914,102.07
1954-1955	140,148.69	170,795.84	145,013.60	256,747.58	86.696,611	247,787.65	81.607,709	30,516.06	1,028,750.38	132,670.19	5,175.00	00.006	2,886,184.15
1955-1956	145,706.99	166,777.68	145,547.11	258,432.17	126,037.93	254,603.63	609,974.15	32,279.27	1,036,242.60	135,218.60	6,330.00	1,350.00	2,918,494.13
1956-1957	151,070.53	169,386.75	147,725.00	258,382.33	132,571.63	258,095.42	613,257.34	31,267.43	1,046,322.67	41.689,141	7,447.50	2,160.00	2,959,525.74
8561-1956	188,604.02	213,809.22	170,030.87	310,480.52	152,688.32	312,968.60	735,344.01	37,568.33	1,264,975.17	176,094.73	10,860.75	2,299.50	3,575,724.04
1958-1959	223,720.72	248,774.22	198,648.89	357,742.06	199,974.98	376,544.49	867,246.99	43,337.70	1,500,856.38	203,033.80	12,745.50	2,505.75	4,235,131.48
1959-1960	223,872.96	263,096.68	195,335.91	348,796.68	200,643.89	378,784.18	839,339.82	41,727.08	1,494,170.00	195,648.92	14,936.24	1,815.00	4,198,167.36
1960-0961	220,877.97	269,049.52	187,225.71	341,685.95	208,130.83	380,910.70	840,963.74	39,763.96	1,456,778.84	196,127.28	16,833.43	1,485.00	4,161,832.93
1961-1962	222,544.66	270,365.01	188,334.84	349,236.84	208,816.27	386,324.97	836,687.45	40,167.53	1,412,001.61	193,308.08	20,580.00	1,485.00	4,129,852.26
1962-1963	271,515.93	319,456.73	214,162.70	410,316.87	247,377.36	450,274.94	992,299.96	47,103.28	1,662,936.61	240,693.48	23,452.50	2,238.75	4,881,829.11
1963-1964	278,013.77	335,593.49	230,263.51	418,037.11	246,923.85	468,866.02	1,045,329.29	46,778.34	1,642,868.90	246,009.90	27,214.50	1,998.75	4,987,897.43
1964-1965	311,992.13	372,208.44	258,946.06	99.496,954	300,473.51	509,670.87	1,179,137.67	51,020.20	1,892,813.46	256,062.90	32,745.75	2,666.25	5,624,701.90
1965-1966	307,675.85	358,286.73	251,385.52	438,437.35	304,202.76	487,503.95	1,153,040.47	47.178,74	:	248,003.93	32,310.00	3,993.75	3,632,212.05
1966-1961	284,078.01	336,638.70	226,219.36	407,929.98	292,223.61	466,060.73	1,081,628.95	46,141.65	:	204,546.87	28,068.75	3,881.25	3,377,417.86
8961-1961	258,007.23	315,768.90	200,718.05	371,887.77	285,161.63	140,422.00	259,748.30	45,639.49	:	110,352.011	23,082.79	3,460.23	2,314,248.40
6961-8961	229,294.13	300,887.95	186,794.87	345,043.88	277,298.24	405,049.27	178,717.33	40,336.82	:	96.060,79	22,968.75	3,518.19	2,057,000.39
0761-6961	192,337.76	292,556.56	174,387.68	314,336.40	261,979.07	370,106.53	135,975.00	37,495.32	(1)	51,482.40	20,085.00	2,700.00	1,853,441.72

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1971





Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT

Chapter 17, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952

as amended by

3 - 4 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1955)

5 - 6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 14 (1957)

6 Elizabeth II, Chapter 4 (1957-58)

10 - 11 Elizabeth II, Chapter 2 (1962)

12 Elizabeth II, Chapter 26 (1963)

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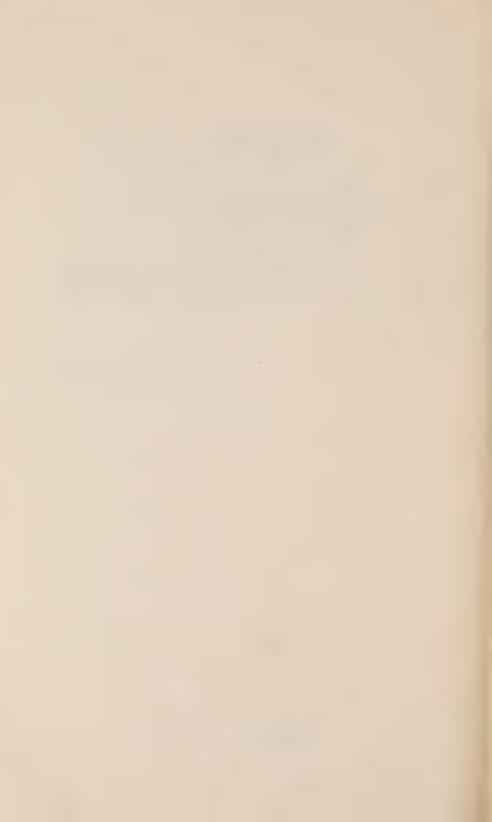
To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency a report for the year nded March 31, 1971 of the operation of the agreements made pursuant to the Blind Persons act and of the moneys of Canada paid to the provinces under each of the several agreements hade pursuant to the said Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John C. Munro Minister of National Health and Welfare.



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Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH W. WILLARD Deputy Minister of National Welfare.

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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1970-71

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

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Minister - Honourable Stephen A. Neary, Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister - R.L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

Chief Officer - Frank J. Simms, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.
Minister - Honourable J.H. Maloney, M.D., Minister of
Welfare.

Deputy Minister - W.W. Reid, Deputy Minister of Welfare. Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

Chief Officer - Miss Hazel Miller, Director of Blind Persons Allowances, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax. Minister - Honourable Allan E. Sullivan, Minister of Public Welfare.

Deputy Minister - Dr. F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax. Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Health and Welfare, Fredericton. Minister - Honourable Brenda M. Robertson, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - Rheal Leblanc, A/Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

Chief Officer - J.L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

OUEBEC -

Department - Department of Social Affairs. Minister - Honourable Claude Castonguay, Minister of Social Affairs.

Deputy Minister - Jacques Brunet, M.D., Deputy Minister of Social Affairs.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate, Quebec Chief Officer - Roger Robert, Director of Social Aid Services, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.

Minister - Honourable Thomas L. Wells, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - M. Borczak, Deputy Minister of Social

and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances

Branch, Toronto.
Chief Officer - J.E. McKnight, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable Rene Toupin, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Deputy Minister - J. Andre Ouellette, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer - W.D. McFarland, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina. Minister - Honourable Cy MacDonald, Minister of Welfare. Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare. Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA - "

Department - Department of Social Development, Edmonton. Minister - Honourable Raymond A. Speaker, Minister of Social Development.

Deputy Minister - D.W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Social Development.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton. Chief Officer - W.L. Casselman, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Victoria.

Minister - Honourable P.A. Gaglardi, Minister of Rehabilita-tion and Social Improvement.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board. Vancouver.

Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - K.J. Torrance, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowance, Yellowknife.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T. Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age

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6. ADVISORY BOARD AND REGULATIONS

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7. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

It is estimated that there are about 30,000 blind in Canada of whom some 27,500 are registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. The incidence of blindness increases

with age and there are registered more than 13,000 blind persons over age 65. The latest available figures for different age groups are as follows -

Age	Number	Main Causes of Blindness
5 years and under	2 94	Congenital eye defects, injurinfection
6-15 years	1,397	Same as above
16-39 years	4,525	Same as above plus degeneration myopia
40-64 years	7,909	Same as above plus glaucoma, cataract, iritis, choroiditis retinitis, optic atrophy, diabetes, nephritis, tubercul hypertension, blood vessel disease, tumors, diseases of central nervous system
65-80 years	7,861	Same
81 years and over	5,445	Same
Total	27,431	

With a further decrease in the number of applicants for Blind Persons Allowance in the year ending March 31, 1971, the review of causes of blindness among those applicants who were medically eligible covered 255 cases compared to 360 in the preceding year. As in previous years, congenital eye disease stood out as the category responsible for the highest percentage of blindness in this group.

The treatment scheme now operating in only some provinces provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The federal share of the cost of treatment in each case is 75%. During the past fiscal year 3 persons were treated and had their vision restored to better than 20/200. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, when all the provinces agreed to participate, 1,327 recipients have been treated and 1,050 have had their vision restored.

8. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act - P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.

- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
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in respect of blindness);
(h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.

- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary, therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.

- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
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- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
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- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1970 the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments Date of Assent December 18, 1970.

Financial and Statistical Summary of Allowances for Blind Persons in Canada as at March 31, 1971

	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
			Act (Fede:	Act (Federal) operative as	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	374	0.5	511	424	1,554	183	169
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1970 - March 31, 1971	247,457.36	33,158.51	339,401.11	289,364.28	(1)	81,266.00	129,468.58
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (Feden	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	54	234	432	26	4	4,015	
Average monthly payment	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	cts.	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1970 - March 31, 1971	38,990.55	164,573.17	286,125.65	19,125.00	2,700.00	1,631,630.21	

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

⁽²⁾ The provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

10. APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES FISCAL YEARS 1960-61 TO 1970-71

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	1960-	1961- 1962	1962- 1963	1963- 1964	1964- 1965	Age	1965-	1966-	1967-	1968-	1969-	1970-
Total	869	707	758	675	728		620	549	328	248	269	194
18-21	109	129	122	147	153	18-24	140	142	113	66	105	84
22-30	51	53	45	39	5.2	25-34	46	42	29	17	21	17
31-40	73	47	99	47	5.5	35-44	79	61	28	22	24	14
41-50	113	105	113	98	9.5	45-54	102	82	4 8	35	42	28
51-60	187	218	193	183	176	55-64	192	197	16	67	7.5	5.1
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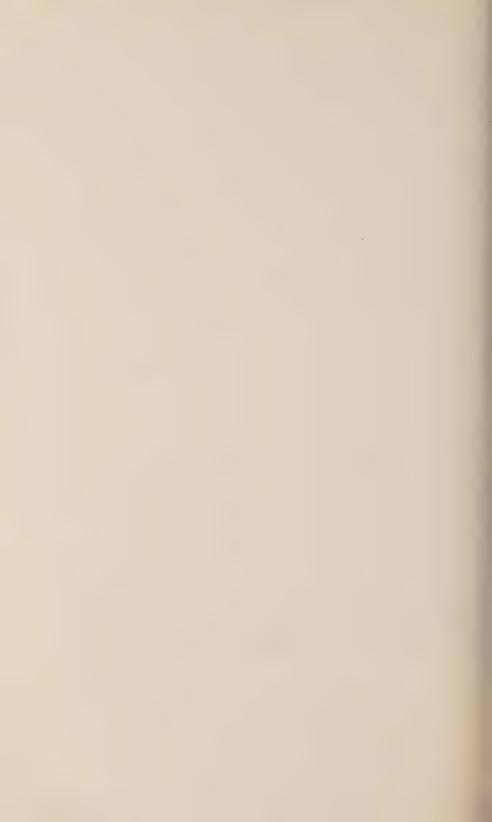
Total		8,332	•	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671		8,573	8,634	8,581	8,586	8,149	7,582	5,808	5,267	4,818	4,015
Yukon Territory	2	2	2	2	9	9	2	S	3	23	23	4	4	22	9	S	9	4	4	4
British Northwest Columbia Territories	П	11	13	16	18	25	2.7	28	34	42	45	46	46	49	44	38	33	3.0	28	26
British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	568	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234
Saskat- chewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	406	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	54
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169
Quebec Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	1,846	1,877	1,902	1,906	1,820	1,710	435	330	258	183
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	2,901	2,891	2,855	2,843	2,712	2,560	2,424	2,242	2,115	1,554
New Brunswick	783	750	731	706	717	719	715	724	200	969	269	701	6 2 9	6 2 9	626	589	536	491	448	424
Nova Scotia	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511
Prince Edward Island	7.5	7.9	06	95	96	06	96	87	85	81	80	83	79	71	72	67	69	63	5.0	20
New- foundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	438	417	401	374	374
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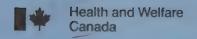




REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1972





Santé et Bien-être social Canada



Under the Provisions of the BLIND PERSONS ACT Chapter B-7, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970

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Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities with the names of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Territorial Commissioners and Chief Administrative Officers as at March 31, 1972.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Social Services and Rehabilitation, St. John's.

Minister - Honourable Thomas V. Hickey, Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.

Deputy Minister - R. L. Andrews, Deputy Minister of Social Services and Rehabilitation.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's. Chief Officer - Maxwell J. Vincent, Director of Old Age Assistance, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Welfare, Charlottetown.

Minister - Honourable J. H. Maloney, M. D., Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - J. E. Green, Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance,

Charlottetown.

Chief Officer - D. Seaman, Director of Blind Persons Allowances, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Public Welfare, Halifax.
Minister - Honourable Allan E. Sullivan, Minister of Public Welfare.
Deputy Minister - Dr. F.R. MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Public Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax. Chief Officer - D.J. Coulter, Administrator of Public Assistance, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Welfare, Fredericton.

Minister - Honourable Brenda M. Robertson, Minister of Welfare.

Deputy Minister - J. Dingle, A/Deputy Minister of Welfare.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board,

Fredericton.

Chief Officer - J. L. Arsenault, Director of Blind Allowances, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Social Affairs.

Minister - Honourable Claude Castonguay, Minister of Social Affairs.

Deputy Minister - Jacques Brunet, M. D., Deputy Minister of Social Affairs.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate Quebec.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate, Quebec. Chief Officer - Roger Robert, Director of Social Aid Services, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Department of Social and Family Services, Toronto.
Minister - Honourable Rene Brunelle, Minister of Social and Family Services.

Deputy Minister - M. Borczak, Deputy Minister of Social and Family Services.

Provincial Authority - Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

Chief Officer - J.E. McKnight, Director of Welfare Allowances Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Winnipeg.

Minister - Honourable Rene Toupin, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Deputy Minister - J. Andre Ouellette, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Development.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

Chief Officer - D.F. McLean, Chairman, The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Welfare, Regina.
Minister - Honourable Gordon T. Snyder, Minister of Welfare.
Deputy Minister - A.W. Sihvon, Deputy Minister of Welfare.
Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.
Chief Officer - J.R. Mather, Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Edmonton. Minister - Honourable Neil Crawford, Minister of Health and Social Development.

Deputy Minister - D. W. Rogers, Deputy Minister of Social Development. Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

Chief Officer - W. L. Casselman, Chairman, The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Victoria.

Minister - Honourable P.A. Gaglardi, Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement.

Deputy Minister - E.R. Rickinson, Deputy Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver. Chief Officer - E.W. Berry, Chairman, Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - S.M. Hodgson, Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - K.J. Torrance, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Yellowknife.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - James Smith, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, Whitehorse, Y.T.

Territorial Authority - C.B.H. Murphy, Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse.

6. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

The Canada Assistance Plan Division provides consultant and advisory services, determining eligibility to blind persons allowance and administering the treatment plan whereby steps can be taken to restore vision where possible to recipients of Blind Persons Allowances.

During the year, 214 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 889 reports from provincial field workers. The volume of work involved was less than the preceding year when 255 eye examination reports and 941 field workers reports were reviewed. One hundred and seventy-nine certificates of eligibility were issued to the provincial authorities on behalf of applicants.

The treatment scheme now operating in only some provinces provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The Federal Government pays 75 per cent of the cost of treatment in each case. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, when all the provinces agreed to participate, 1, 327 recipients have been treated and 1,050 have had their vision restored. The percentage of cases treated successfully through the life of the plan is indeed gratifying, particularly when it is realized that most of the persons who received treatment were in the older age groups and were suffering from long established or advanced pathological conditions of the eyes.

7. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act P. C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension P. C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement:
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.

- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).
- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- 1963 Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 1966 Blind Persons Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income Date of Assent December 21, 1966.

1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments - Date of Assent December 18, 1970.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA AS AT MARCH 31, 1972 ω,

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	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova	New Brunswick	Onebec	Ontario	Manitoba
			Act (Fede	Act (Federal) operative as	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	352	46	474	397	636	152	147
Average monthly payment	\$73.97	\$74.39	\$73.28	\$73.72		\$49.47	\$66.77
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1971 - March 31, 1972	\$237,806.54	\$31,535,53	\$324,425.59	\$271,601.28	(1)	\$ 73,245.84	\$97,193.08
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (Fed	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from	And the state of t	
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952 Jan. 1, 1952 Apr. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	43	209	429	26	5	2,916	
Average monthly payment	\$73.95	\$73.33	\$73.42	\$75.00	\$75.00		
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1971 - March 31, 1972	\$ 28,389.77	\$146,150.34	\$283,789.33	\$17,089.50	\$ 2,981.25	\$1,514,208.05(2)	(2)

Average Monthly allowance (CANADA) \$72.07

In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs 'Interim Arrangements' Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

The provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

9. APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES - FISCAL YEARS 1961-62 TO 1971-72

	1961-1962	1961-1962 1962-1963 1963-1964 1964-1965	1963-1964	1964-1965	Age	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1965-1966 1966-1967 1967-1968 1968-1969 1969-1970 1970-1971	1970-1971	1971-1972
Total	707	758	675	728		620	549	328	248	269	194	87
18-21	129	122	147	153	18-24	140	142	113	66	105	84	50
22-30	53	45	39	52	25-34	46	42	29	17	21	17	7
31-30	47	99	47	5.5	35-44	79	61	28	22	24	14	7
41-50	105	113	98	92	45-54	102	82	48	35	42	28	α
51-60	218	193	183	176	55-64	192	197	91	67	75	51	14
61-69	155	219	172	200	69-59	61	25	19	ω	2	1	1
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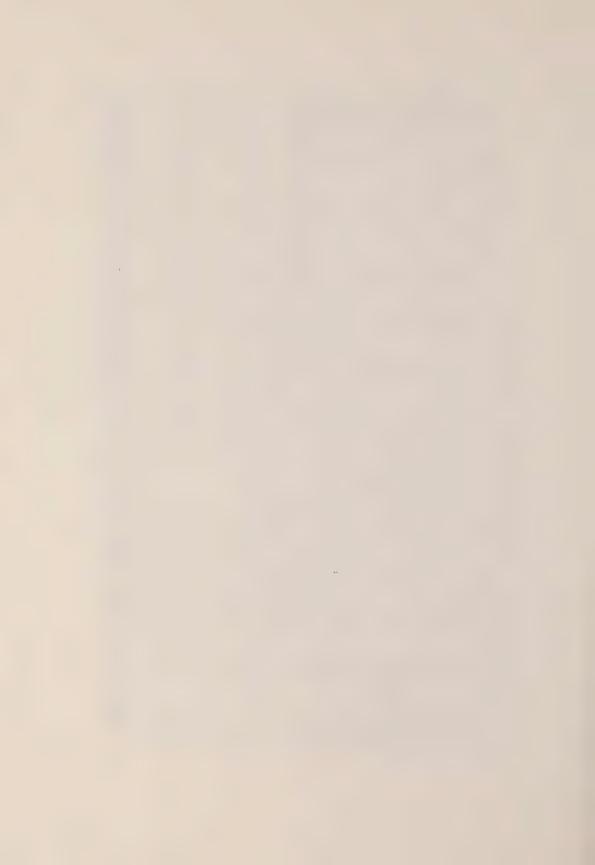
10. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Total	8.079	8,332	8,214	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671	8,642	8,573	8,634	8,581	8,586	8,149	7,582	5,808	5,267	4,818	4,015	2,916	
Yukon Territory	2	7	2	2	9	9	ιΩ	ιΩ	m	m	m	4	4	10	9	S	9	4	4	4	ιΩ	
Northwest	H	11	13	16	18	25	. 27	28	34	42	45	46	46	49	44	38	33	30	28	26	26	
British	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	568	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432	429	
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234	209	
Saskatchewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	406	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	54	43	
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169	147	
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	1,846	1,877	1,902	1,906	1,820	1,710	435	330	258	183	152	
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	2,901	2,891	2,855	2,843	2,712	2,560	2,424	2,242	2,115	1,554	636	
New Brunswick	783	750	731	706	717	719	715	724	706	969	269	701	629	629	626	589	536	491	448	424	397	
Nova	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511	474	
Prince Edward Island	75	79	06	95	96	06	96	87	85	81	80	83	79	71	72	67	69	63	20	20	46	
New- foundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	438	417	401	374	374	352	
Fiscal Year	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	

11. RECAPITULATION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal Year	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatch- ewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	S cts.	a 4-0
1.51-1952	28,237,49	6,460.17	64, 199.33	69,185.98	271,902.08	142,984.41	35,948.87	30,667.15	33,766.59	37,827.17	90.00	180.00	721,449.24
1952-1953	117,936.51	26,680,54	253,717.72	273,940.64	273,940.64 1,104,179.94	632,328.83	153,548.81	123,692.07	133,821.88	162,910.06	1,740.00	720.00	2,985,217.00
1953-1954	121,952.16	28,126.12	250,566.53	263,725.96	263,725.96 1,057,841.80	602,041.45	148,244.15	125,796.13	135,585,97	174,964,30	4,537.50	720.00	2,914,102.07
1954-1955	119,969,98	30,516.06	247,787.65	256,747,58	256,747.58 1,028,750.38	607,709.18	145,013.60	132,670.19	140,148.69	170,795.84	5,175.00	900.00	2,886,184.15
1955-1956	126,037.93	32,279.27	254,603.63	258,432.17	258,432.17 1,036,242.60	609,974.15	145,547.11	135,218.60	145,706.99	166,771.68	6,330.00	1,350.00	2,918,494.13
1956-1957	132,571.63	31,267,43	258,095.42	258,382,33	258,382,33 1,046,322.67	613,257.34	147,725.00	141,839.14	151,070,53	169,386.75	7,447.50	2,160.00	2,959,525.74
1957-1958	152,688.32	37,568.33	312,968.60	310,480.52	310,480.52 1,264,975.17	735,344.01	170,030.87	176,094.73	188,604.02	213,809.22	10,860.75	2,299.50	3,575,724.04
1958-1959	199,974,98	43,337.70	376,544.49	357,742.06	357,742.06 1,500,856.38	867,246.99	198,648.89	203,033.80	223,720.72	248,774.22	12,745.50	2,505.75	4,235,131.48
1959-1960	200,643.89	41,727.08	378,784.18	348,796.68	348,796.68 1,494,170.00	839,339.82	195,335,91	195,648.92	223,872.96	263,096.68	14,936.24	1,815.00	4,198,167.36
1960-1961	208,130.83	39,763.96	380,910.70	341,685.95	341,685.95 1,456,778.84	840,963.74	187,225.71	196,127.28	220,877.97	269,049.52	18,833.43	1,485.00	4,161,832.93
1961-1962	208,816.27	40,167.53	386,324.97	349,236.84	349,236.84 1,412,001.61	836,687.45	188,334,84	193,308.08	222,544.66	270,365.01	20,580.00	1,485.00	4,129,852.26
1962-1963	247,377,36	47,103.28	450,274.94	410,316.87	410,316.87 1,662,936.61	992,299.96	214,162.70	240,693.48	271,515.93	319,456.73	23,452.50	2,238.75	4,881,829.11
1963-1964	246,923.85	46,778,34	468,866.02	418,037.11	418,037.11 1,642,868.90	1,045,329.29	230,263.51	246,009.90	278,013.77	335,593.49	27,214.50	1,998.75	4,987,397,43
1964-1965	300,473.51	51,020,20	509,670,87	456,964.66	456,964.66 1,892,813.46 1,179,137.67	1,179,137.67	258,946.06	256,062.90	311,992.13	372,208.44	32,745.75	2,006.25	5,62+,701.90
1965-1966	304,202.76	47,371,74	487,503,95	438,437.35		1,153,040.47	251,385.52	248,003.93	307,675.85	358,286.73	32,310.00	3,393.75	3,632,212.05
1966-1967	292,223.61	46,141.65	466,060.73	407,929.98	0 0	1,081,628.95	226,219.36	204,546.87	284,078.01	336,638.70	28,068.75	3,881,25	3,377,417.86
1967-1968	285,161.63	45,639,49	440,422.00	371,887,77	*	259,748.30	200,718.05	110,352.01	258,007.23	315,768.90	23,082,79	3,460.23	2,314,248.40
1968-1969	277,298.24	40,336.82	405,049.27	345,043.88	*	178,717.33	186,794.87	96.060,79	229,294.13	300,887.95	22,968.75	3,518.19	2,057,000.39
1969-1970	261,979.07	37,495,32	370,106.53	314,336.40	* *	135,975.00	174,387.68	51,482,40	192,337.76	292,556.56	20,085.00	2,700.00	1,853,441.72
1970-1971	247,457.36	33,158.51	339,401,11	289,364.28	0 0	81,266.00	129,468.58	38,990.55	164,573.17	286,125.65	19,125.00	2,700.00	1,631,630.21
1971-1972	237,806.54	31,535.53	324,425.59	271,601.28	(1)	73,245.84	97,193.08	28,389.77	146,150.34	283,789.33	17,089.50	2,981.25	1,514,208.05

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax Abacement to the province. The amounts received by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1969-70 have been as follows: - 1965-66 - \$1, \$60, \$97.94; 1966-67 - \$1, \$71, \$785, \$97.94; 1967-68 - \$1, \$31, \$22.95; 1968-69 - \$1, \$32, \$32.25; 328.05, and 1969-70 - \$1, \$42, \$94.87. Quebec did not submit claims during the fiscal years 1970-71 and 1971-72, due to innernal changes in provincial accounting procedures.





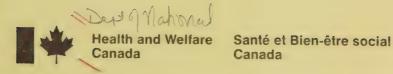


REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES

FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA



FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1973



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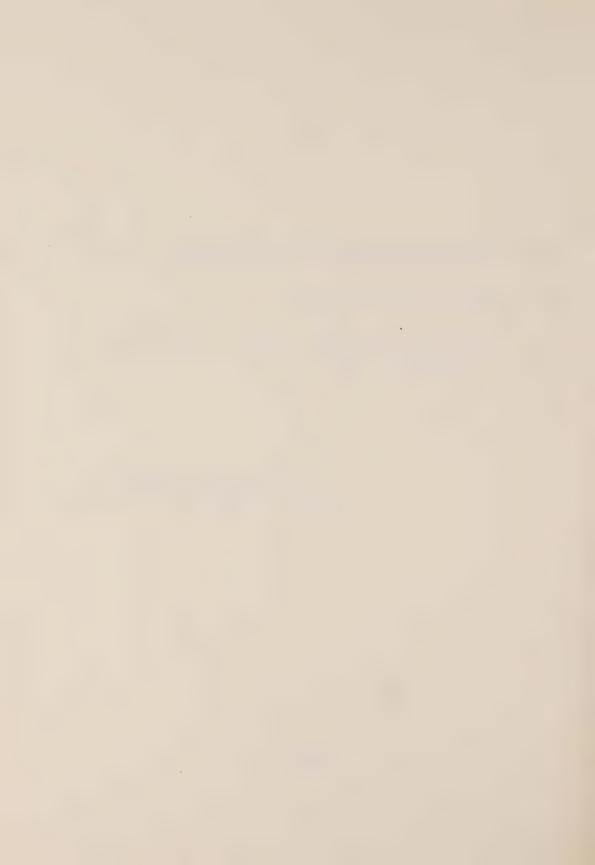


To His Excellency The Right Honourable Roland Michener, P.C., Q.C., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the Annual Report on the administration of the Blind Persons Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
The Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of National Health and Welfare



The Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
A.W. Johnson
Deputy Minister of National Welfare

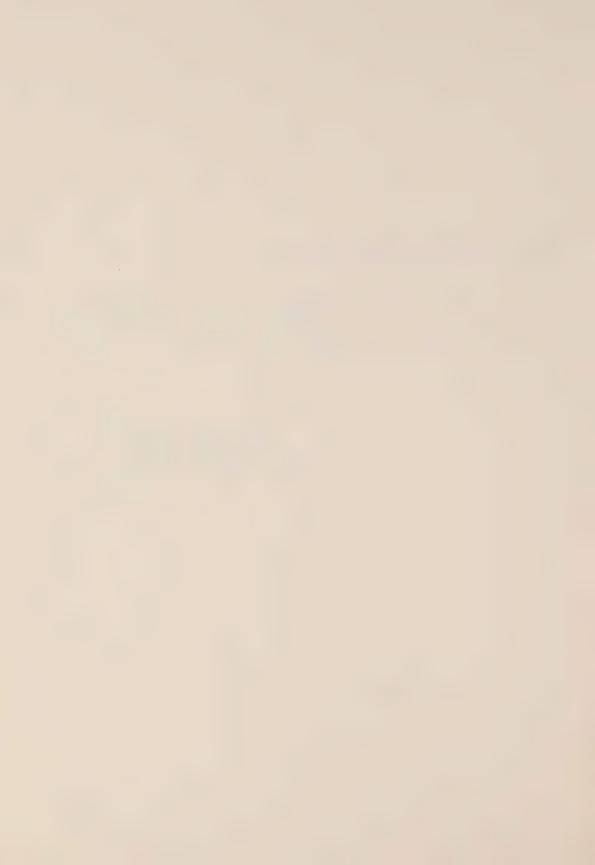


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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1972-73

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continues to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario on April 1, 1967, and by Quebec on November 1, 1970. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968, however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1972-73, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to 1,370,451.52. As at March 31,1973, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 2,557.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 8 to 11 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1972-73. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
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3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories provide for payment of allowances based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including allowance, allowed by the Act.

All provinces indicated a desire to amend their agreements following an amendment to the regulations effective January 1, 1972, providing for the exclusion in the calculation of income of any amount in excess of the basic pension of \$80.00 per month paid to a spouse under the Old Age Security Act. Before amendments to the Blind Persons Act and Regulations can become effective in a province, its agreement with Canada must be amended. Amending agreements to permit provinces to incorporate the regulation are in the final stages of completion. The Order in Council authorizing the Minister of National Health and Welfare to sign the agreements on bahalf of Canada is PC 1973-225 of 30 January, 1973.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

The provinces and territories were given Notice that the agreements between them and Canada under the Blind Persons Act are being terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9(1) of the Act. Termination will be effective on February 1, 1981.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Social Allowances and Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments.

Effective January 1, 1972, the Division assumed responsibility for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. This was a function of the former Health Services Branch of the Department. Medical examinations are carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1972-73 amounted to \$2,243.90.

The Division is also responsible for the supervision of provincial schemes, approved by the Governor in Council, for the administration of allowances for the blind.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act.

The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces. The following is a list of the departments and provincial authorities as at March 31, 1973.

NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Social Services, St. John's.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ~

Department - Department of Social Services, Charlottetown.

Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA ~

Department - Department of Social Services, Halifax.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Social Services, Fredericton.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Social Affairs.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate, Quebec.

ONTARIO -

Department - Ministry of Community and Social Services, Toronto.

Provincial Authority - Director of Family Benefits Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Winnipeg.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Social Services, Regina.

Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Edmonton.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement, Victoria.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Yellowknife.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Territorial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse.

6. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

The Canada Assistance Plan Division provides consultant and advisory services, determining eligibility to blind persons allowance and administering the treatment plan whereby steps can be taken to restore vision where possible to recipients of Blind Persons Allowances.

During the year, 176 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 1,514 reports from provincial field workers. During the preceding year 214 eye examination reports and 889 field workers reports were reviewed. One hundred and fifty-three certificates of eligibility were issued to the provincial authorities on behalf of applicants.

The treatment scheme now operating in only some provinces provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The Federal Government pays 75 per cent of the cost of treatment in each case. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, when all the provinces agreed to participate, 1,327 recipients have been treated and 1,050 have had their vision restored. The percentage of cases treated successfully through the life of the plan is indeed gratifying, particularly when it is realized that most of the persons who received treatment were in the older age groups and were suffering from long established or advanced pathological conditions of the eyes.

7. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year - Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- 1962 Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income Date of Assent December 21, 1966.
- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments Date of Assent December 18, 1970.
- 1972 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for an increase in the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, based on the Consumer Price Index, with effect from January 1, 1972. Date of Assent May 19, 1972.

8. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA AS AT MARCH 31, 1973

	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Onepec	Ontario	Manitoba
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	310	47	435	364	480	66	134
Average monthly payment	\$74.63	\$74.42	\$73.12	\$73.53		\$38.32	\$62.58
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1972 - March 31, 1973	\$217,636.26	\$31,927.84	\$294,797.84	\$250,405.19	(1)	\$36,600.42	\$83,165.38
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	e as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	36	190	429	29	4	2,557	
Average monthly payment	\$73.77	\$72.57	\$73.25	\$74.83	\$75.00		
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1972 - March 31, 1973	\$24,767.12	\$130,533.67	\$278,296.30	\$19,284.00	\$3,037.50	\$1,370,451.52 (2)	
Average Monthly allowance (CANADA) \$71.27	CANADA) \$71.27						

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

⁽²⁾ The provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients.

9. APPLICATIONS APPROVED AT DIFFERENT AGES - FISCAL YEARS 1962-1963 TO 1972-1973

	1962- 1963	1963-	1964-	Age	1965-	1966-	1967-	1968-	1969-	1970-	1971-	1972- 1973
	758	675	728		620	549	328	248	269	194	87	108
	122	147	153	18-24	140	142	113	66	105	48	50	62
	45	39	52	25-34	97	42	29	17	21	17	7	7
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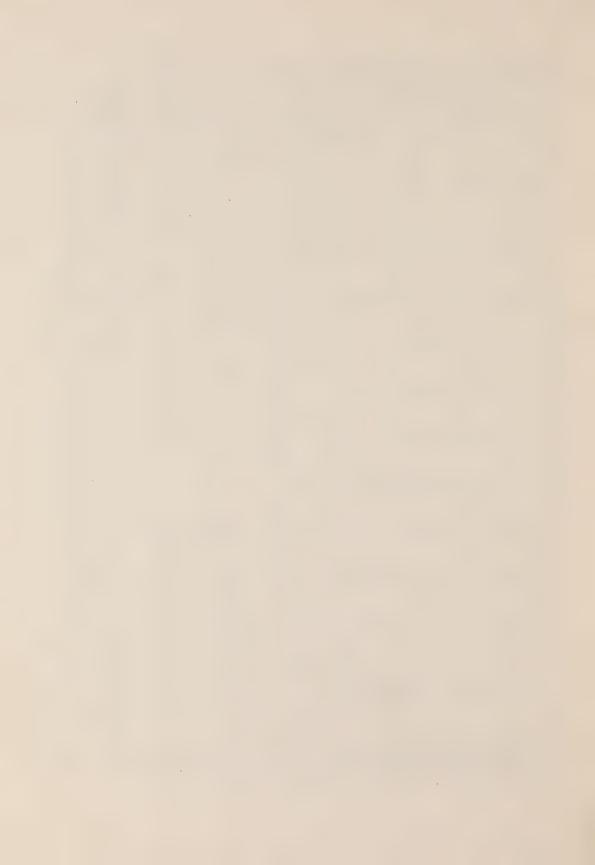
10. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Total	8,079 8,132 8,132 8,122 8,123 8,123 8,124 8,671 8,671 8,671 8,642 8,642 8,581	2,557
Yukon Territory	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	7 4
Northwest Territories	111 111 113 113 113 113 113 113 113 113	29
British Columbia	426 488 474 474 482 505 505 505 563 563 563 563 647 647 647 647 647 647 647 647 647 647	429
Alberta	376 383 383 400 400 415 418 418 463 463 463 463 463 463 463 475 488 412 412 412 412 412 412 412 412 412 413 412 413 413 414 418	190
Saskatch- ewan	243 243 2443 2444 2444 2444 2444 2444 2	36
Manitoba	401 400 401 401 402 402 306 306 306 306 306 306 306 306 306 306	134
Ontario	1,604 1,751 1,710 1,710 1,713 1,713 1,713 1,713 1,713 1,847 1,847 1,966 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,906 1,710 1,906	66
Quebec	3,013 3,041 2,949 2,949 2,949 2,918 2,918 2,918 2,949 2,742 2,742 2,742 2,742 2,742 1,112 2,142 1,112 1,115 1,115 1,554	480
New Brunswick	783 750 731 731 731 715 717 719 715 716 697 697 679 679 679 679 679 679 679 67	364
Nova	734 722 718 718 706 726 726 774 771 771 771 772 773 774 775 775 777 775 777 775 777 777 777	435
Prince Edward Island	75 79 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90 90	47
Newfoundland	321 336 336 338 338 353 370 407 429 429 445 445 445 445 445 445 4417 401 374	310
Fiscal Year	1951-1952 1952-1953 1952-1954 1955-1954 1955-1955 1955-1959 1955-1959 1955-1959 1955-1950 1956-1960 1966-1962 1966-1965 1966-1965 1966-1965 1966-1967 1966-1967 1966-1967	1972-1973

Fiscal Year	Newfound- land	Prince Edward Island	Nova	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatch- ewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-1952 \$ 28,237.49 \$ 6,460.17	\$ 28,237.49	\$ 6,460.17	\$ 64,199.33	\$ 69,185.98	\$ 271,902.08 \$	142,984.41	\$ 35,948.87	\$ 30,667.15 \$	33,766.59 \$	37,827.17	00.06 \$	\$ 180.00	\$ 721,449.24
1952-1953	117,936.51 26,680	26,680.54	253,717.72	273,940.64	1,104,179.94	632,328.83	153,548.81	123,692.07	133,821.88	162,910.06	1,740.00	720.00	2,985,217.00
1953-1954	121,952.16	28,126,12	250,566.53	263,725.96	1,057,841.80	602,041,45	148,244.15	125,796.13	135,585.97	174,964.30	4,537.50	720.00	2,914,102.07
1954-1955	119,969.98	30,516.06	247,787.65	256,747.58	1,028,750.38	607,709.18	145,013.60	132,670.19	140,148.69	170,795.84	5,175.00	900.00	2,886,184.15
1955-1956	126,037.93	32,279.27	254,603,63	258,432.17	1,036,242.60	609,974.15	145,547.11	135,218.60	145,706.99	166,771.68	6,330.00	1,350.00	2,918,494.13
1956-1957	132,571.63	31,267.43	258,095.42	258,382,33	1,046,322.67	613,257.34	147,725.00	141,839.14	151,070.53	169,386.75	7,447.50	2,160.00	2,959,525.74
1957-1958	152,688.32	37,568.33	312,968.60	310,480.52	1,264,975.17	735,344.01	170,030.87	176,094.73	188,604.02	213,809.22	10,860.75	2,299.50	3,575,724.04
1958-1959	199,974.98	43,337.70	376,544.49	357,742.06	1,500,856.38	867,246.99	198,648.89	203,033.80	223,720.72	248,774.22	12,745.50	2,505.75	4,235,131.48
1959-1960	200,643.89	41,727.08	378,784.18	348,796.68	1,494,170.00	839,339.82	195,335.91	195,648.92	223,872.96	263,096.68	14,936.24	1,815.00	4,198,167.36
1960-1961	208,130.83	39,763.96	380,910.70	341,685.95	1,456,778.84	840,963.74	187,225.71	196,127.28	220,877.97	269,049.52	18,833,43	1,485.00	4,161,832.93
1961-1962	208,816.27	40,167.53	386,324.97	349,236.84	1,412,001.61	836,687,45	188,334.84	193,308.08	222,544.66	270,365.01	20,580.00	1,485.00	4,129,852.26
1962-1963	247,377.36	47,103.28	450,274.94	410,316.87	1,662,936.61	992,299.96	214,162.70	240,693.48	271,515.93	319,456.73	23,452.50	2,238.75	4,881,829.11
1963-1964	246,923.85	46,778.34	468,866.02	418,037.11	1,642,868.90	1,045,329.29	230,263.51	246,009.90	278,013.77	335,593.49	27,214.50	1,998.75	4,987,897.43
1964-1965	300,473.51	51,020.20	509,670,87	456,964.66	1,892,813.46	1,179,137.67	258,946.06	256,062.90	311,992.13	372,208.44	32,745.75	2,666.25	5,624,701.90
1965-1966	304,202.76	47,371.74	487,503.95	438,437.35	1	1,153,040.47	251,385.52	248,003.93	307,675.85	358,286.73	32,310.00	3,993.75	3,632,212.05
1966-1967	292,223.61	46,141.65	466,060.73	407,929.98	1	1,081,628.95	226,219.36	204,546.87	284,078.01	336,638.70	28,068.75	3,881.25	3,377,417.86
1967-1968	285,161.63	45,639.49	440,422.00	371,887.77	1	259,748.30	200,718.05	110,352.01	258,007.23	315,768.90	23,082.79	3,460.23	2,314,248.40
1968-1969	277,298.24	40,336.82	405,049.27	345,043.88	1	178,717,33	186,794.87	96.060,79	229,294.13	300,887.95	22,968.75	3,518.19	2,057,000.39
1969-1970	261,979.07	37,495.32	370,106.53	314,336.40	1	135,975.00	174,387.68	51,482.40	192,337.76	292,556.56	20,085.00	2,700.00	1,853,441.72
1970-1971	247,457.36	33,158.51	339,401.11	289,364.28	1	81 266.00	129,468.58	38,990.55	164,573.17	286,125.65	19,125.00	2,700.00	1,631,630.21
1971-1972	237,806.54	31,535.53	324,425.59	271,601.28	1	73,245.84	97,193.08	28,389.77	146,150.34	283,789.33	17,089.50	2,981.25	1,514,208.05
1972-1973	217,636.26	31,927.84	294,797.84	250,405.19	-(1)	36,600.42	83,165.38	24,767.12	130,533.67	278,296.30	19,284.00	3,037.50	1,370,451.52

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Bliad Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The federal share of amounts claimed by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1972-73 has been as follows:-

1965-66 - \$1,841,038; 1966-67 - \$1,727,706; 1967-68 - \$1,646,095; 1968-69 - \$1,541,847; 1969-70 - \$1,448,015; 1970-71 - \$1,228,407; 1971-72 - \$448,359 and 1972-73 - \$353,487.







REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1974





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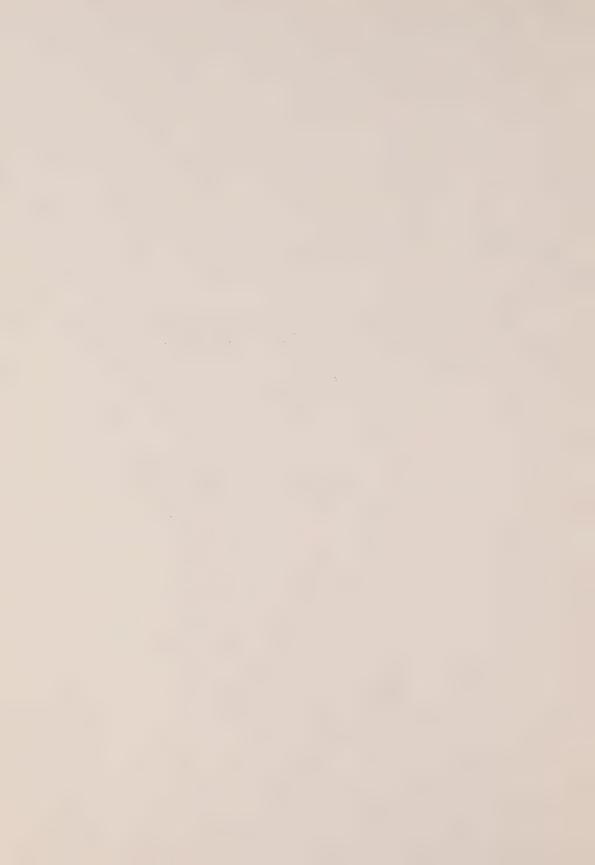
A.W. Johnson
Deputy Minister of National
Welfare

Maurice LeClair, M.D. Deputy Minister of National Health To His Excellency The Right Honourable Jules Leger, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the Annual Report on the administration of the Blind Persons Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
The Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of National Health and Welfare



The Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
A.W. Johnson
Deputy Minister of National Welfare



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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1973-74

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continues to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario on April 1, 1967, by Quebec on November 1, 1970, by the Northwest Territories on April 1, 1973 and by British Columbia on June 1, 1973. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968; however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1973-1974, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$1,102,958.16. As at March 31, 1974, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 1,814.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 8 to 10 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1973-1974. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
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NEWFOUNDLAND -

Department - Department of Social Services, St. John's.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance Board, St. John's.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -

Department - Department of Social Services, Charlottetown.

Provincial Authority - Director of Blind Persons Allowance, Charlottetown.

NOVA SCOTIA -

Department - Department of Social Services, Halifax.

Provincial Authority - Old Age Assistance Board, Halifax.

NEW BRUNSWICK -

Department - Department of Social Services, Fredericton.

Provincial Authority - Old Age and Blind Assistance Board, Fredericton.

QUEBEC -

Department - Department of Social Affairs, Quebec.

Provincial Authority - Special Programs Directorate, Quebec.

ONTARIO ...

Department - Ministry of Community and Social Services, Toronto.

Provincial Authority - Director of Family Benefits Branch, Toronto.

MANITOBA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Winnipeg.

Provincial Authority - The Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Winnipeg.

SASKATCHEWAN -

Department - Department of Social Services, Regina.

Provincial Authority - Director of Public Assistance, Regina.

ALBERTA -

Department - Department of Health and Social Development, Edmonton.

Provincial Authority - The Pensions Board, Edmonton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA -

Department - Department of Human Resources, Victoria.

Provincial Authority - Blind Persons' Allowances Board, Vancouver.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES -

Commissioner - Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

Territorial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Yellowknife.

YUKON TERRITORY -

Commissioner - Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Territorial Authority - Director of Old Age Assistance and Blind Persons Allowances, Whitehorse.

6. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

The Canada Assistance Plan Division provides consultant and advisory services, determining eligibility to blind persons allowance and administering the treatment plan whereby steps can be taken to restore vision where possible to recipients of Blind Persons Allowances.

During the year, 95 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 1,465 reports from provincial field workers. During the preceding year 176 eye examination reports and 1,514 field workers reports were reviewed. Seventy-four certificates of eligibility were issued to the provincial authorities on behalf of applicants.

The treatment scheme now operating in only some provinces provides free treatment for the restoration of vision to recipients of blindness allowance. The Federal Government pays 75 per cent of the cost of treatment in each case. Since the inception of the plan in 1948, when all the provinces agreed to participate, 1,327 recipients have been treated and 1,050 have had their vision restored. The percentage of cases treated successfully through the life of the plan is indeed gratifying, particularly when it is realized that most of the persons who received treatment were in the older age groups and were suffering from long established or advanced pathological conditions of the eyes.

7. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- 1943 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the $\mathsf{same}\ \mathsf{date}$).

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
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- Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
- 1965 Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act passed, to provide for federal contributions to certain social programs, including those operating under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act and the Disabled Persons Act, to be made through a tax abatement and adjustment payments.
- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- 1966 Blind Persons Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
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- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments Date of Assent December 18, 1970.
- 1972 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for an increase in the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, based on the Consumer Price Index, with effect from January 1, 1972. Date of Assent May 19, 1972.

	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
			Act (F	Act (Federal) operative as from	e as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	273	48	398	341	312	81	122
Average monthly payment	\$74.40	\$74.77	\$72.85	\$73.39		\$35.41	\$61.72
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1973 - March 31, 1974	\$193,109.38	\$32,065.70	\$274,153.82	\$231,277.66	(3)	\$27,478.76	\$70,331.36
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	32	161	31	13	2	1,814	
Average monthly payment	\$72.45	\$73.58	\$72.49	\$74.23	\$75.00	,	
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1973 - March 31, 1974	\$22,061.55	\$115,589.00	\$120,210.93	\$14,767.50	\$1,912.50	\$1,102,958.16(2)	
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Average Monthly allowance (CANADA) \$70.58

(1) In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

The provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia and the Morthwest Territories have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients. (2)

9. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

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Total	8,079	8,332	8,214	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671	8,642	8,573	8,634	8,581	8,586	8,149	7,582	5,808	5,267	4,818	4,015	2,916	2,557	1,814	
Yukon Territory	73	2	2	2	9	9	S	Ŋ	23	23	3	4	4	ıs	9	Ŋ	9	4	4	4	ro.	. 4	2	
Northwest Territories	prof.	11	13	16	18	25	27	28	34	42	45	46	46	49	44	38	33	30	28	26	26	29	13	
British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	268	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432	429	429	31	
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234	209	190	161	
Saskatch- ewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	406	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	54	43	36	32	
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169	147	134	122	
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	1,846	1,877	1,902	1,906	1,820	1,710	435	330	258	183	152	66	81	
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	2,901	2,891	2,855	2,843	2,712	2,560	2,424	2,242	2,115	1,554	636	480	312	
New Brunswick	783	750	731	206	717	719	715	724	206	969	269	701	629	629	626	589	536	491	448	424	397	364	341	
Nova Scotia	734	722	718	902	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511	474	435	398	
Prince Edward Island	75	79	06	95	96	06	96	87	85	81	80	83	79	71	72	29	69	63	50	20	46	47	48	
Fiscal Year Newfoundland	321	336	336	338	. 353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	438	417	401	374	374	352	310	273	
Fiscal Year	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	

10. RECAPITULATION OF FEDERAL PAYMENTS FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Fiscal	Newfound- land	Prince Edward Island	Nova	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatch- ewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
1951-1952	\$ 28,237.49	\$ 6,460.17 \$	\$ 64,199.33	\$ 69,185.98	\$ 271,902.08	\$ 142,984.41	\$ 35,948.87	\$ 30,667.15	\$ 33,766.59	\$ 37,827.17	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 721,449.24
1952-1953	117,936.51	26,680.54	253,717.72	273,940.64	1,104,179.94	632,328.83	153,548.81	123,692.07	133,821.88	162,910.06	1,740.00	720.00	2,985,217.00
1953-1954	121,952.16	28,126.12	250,566.53	263,725.96	1,057,841.80	602,041,45	148,244.15	125,796.13	135,585.97	174,964.30	4,537.50	720.00	2,914,102.07
1954-1955	119,969.98	30,516.06	247,787.65	256,747.58	1,028,750.38	607,709.18	145,013.60	132,670.19	140,148.69	170,795.84	5,175.00	900.00	2,886,184.15
1955-1956	126,037.93	32,279.27	254,603.63	258,432.17	1,036,242.60	609,974.15	145,547.11	135,218.60	145,706.99	166,771.68	6,330.00	1,350.00	2,918,494.13
1956-1957	132,571.63	31,267.43	258,095.42	258,382.33	1,046,322.67	613,257.34	147,725.00	141,839.14	151,070.53	169,386.75	7,447.50	2,160.00	2,959,525.74
1957-1958	152,688.32	37,568.33	312,968.60	310,480.52	1,264,975.17	735,344.01	170,030,87	176,094.73	188,604.02	213,809.22	10,860.75	2,299.50	3,575,724.04
1958-1959	199,974.98	43,337.70	376,544.49	357,742.06	1,500,856.38	867,246.99	198,648.89	203,033.80	223,720.72	248,774.22	12,745.50	2,505.75	4,235,131.48
1959-1960	200,643.89	41,727.08	378,784.18	348,796.68	1,494,170.00	839,339.82	195,335.91	195,648.92	223,872,96	263,096.68	14,936.24	1,815.00	4,198,167.36
1960-1961	208,130.83	39,763.96	380,910.70	341,685.95	1,456,778.84	840,963.74	187,225.71	196,127.28	220,877.97	269,049.52	18,833,43	1,485.00	4,161,832.93
1961-1962	208,816.27	40,167.53	386,324.97	349,236.84	1,412,001.61	836,687.45	188,334.84	193,308.08	222,544.66	270,365.01	20,580.00	1,485.00	4,129,852.26
1 1962-1963	247,377.36	47,103.28	450,274.94	410,316.87	1,662,936.61	992,299.96	214,162.70	240,693.48	271,515.93	319,456.73	23,452.50	2,238.75	4,881,829.11
1963-1964	246,923.85	46,778.34	468,866.02	418,037.11	1,642,868.90	1,045,329.29	230,263.51	246,009.90	278,013.77	335,593.49	27,214.50	1,998.75	4,987,897.43
1964-1965	300,473.51	51,020.20	509,670.87	456,964.66	1,892,813.46	1,179,137.67	258,946.06	256,062.90	311,992.13	372,208.44	32,745.75	2,666.25	5,624,701.90
1965-1966	304,202.76	47,371.74	487,503.95	438,437,35	1	1,153,040.47	251,385.52	248,003.93	307,675.85	358,286.73	32,310.00	3,993.75	3,632,212.05
1966-1967	292,223.61	46,141.65	466,060.73	407,929.98	ı	1,081,628.95	226,219.36	204,546.87	284,078.01	336,638.70	28,068.75	3,881.25	3,377,417.86
1967-1968	285,161.63	45,639,49	440,422.00	371,887.77	1	259,748.30	200,718.05	110,352.01	258,007.23	315,768.90	23,082.79	3,460.23	2,314,248.40
1968-1969	277,298.24	40,336.82	405,049.27	345,043.88	,	178,717.33	186,794.87	96.060,79	229,294.13	300,887,95	22,968.75	3,518.19	2,057,000.39
1969-1970	261,979.07	37,495.32	370,106.53	314,336.40	ı	135,975.00	174,387.68	51,482.40	192,337.76	292,556.56	20,085.00	2,700.00	1,853,441.72
1970-1971	247,457.36	33,158.51	339,401.11	289,364.28	1	81,266.00	129,468.58	38,990.55	164,573.17	286,125.65	19,125.00	2,700.00	1,631,630.21
1971-1972	237,806.54	31,535.53	324,425.59	271,601.28	ı	73,245.84	97,193.08	28,389.77	146,150.34	283,789.33	17,089.50	2,981,25	1,514,208.05
1972-1973	217,636.26	31,927.84	294,797.84	250,405.19	1	36,600.42	83,165.38	24,767.12	130,533.67	278,296.30	19,284.00	3,037.50	1,370,451.52
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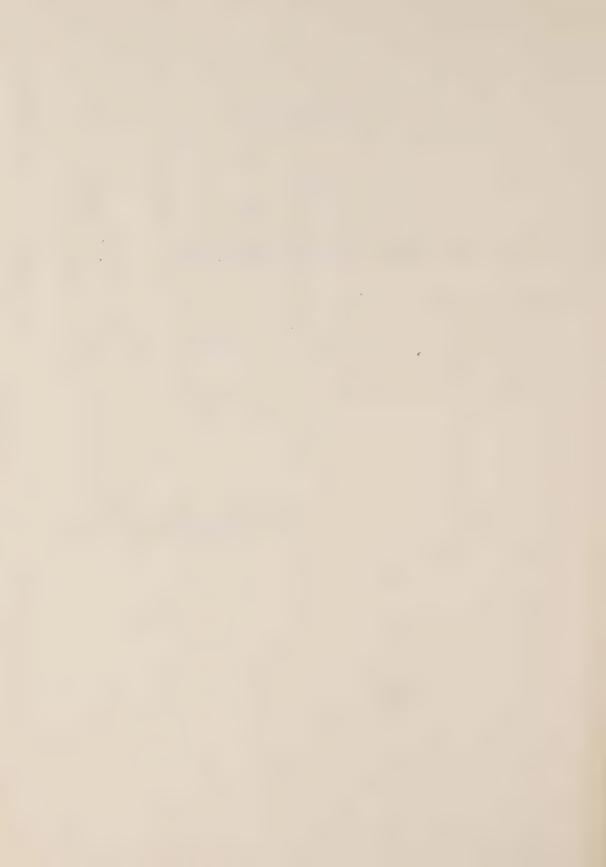
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the Annual Report on the administration of the Blind Persons Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

Respectfully submitted.

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Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1975.

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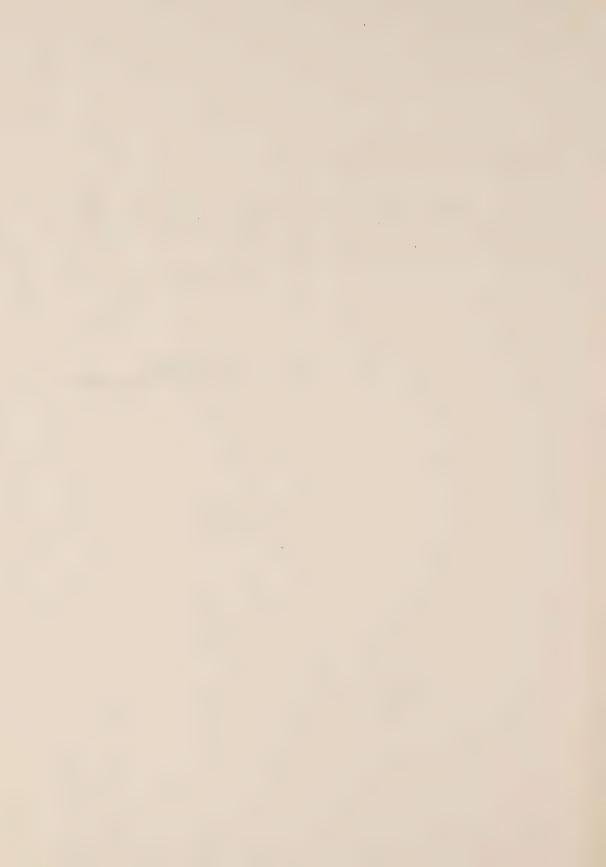
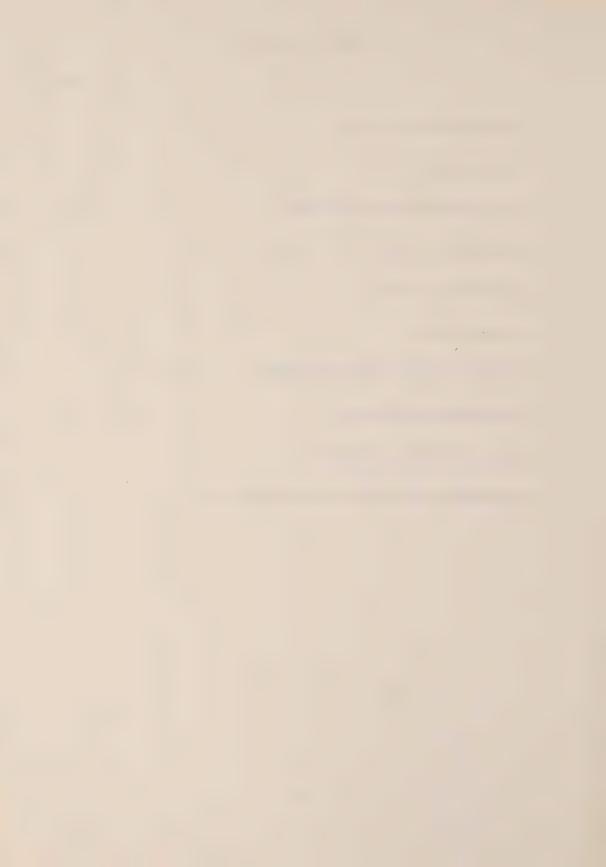


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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1974-75

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

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For 1974-1975, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$847,293.96. As at March 31, 1975, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 1,560.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 8 to 10 of this report.

2 AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1974-1975. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

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7. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION OF BLINDNESS ALLOWANCES

- 1937 Old Age Pensions Act amended to provide pensions for blind persons 40 years of age and over Date of Assent March 31, 1937.
- 1942 Old Age Pensions Regulations first amended to allow payment of provincial supplementary allowances without reduction of pension.
- Provision made by Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act to pay a maximum pension of \$300 a year (\$25 a month) instead of \$240 a year (\$20 a month) authorized by the Old Age Pension Act P.C. 6367, dated August 10, 1943.
- 1944 Provision made by Order in Council passed under the authority of the War Measures Act to restore the amounts of free income allowed prior to the increase in pension - P.C. 3377 dated May 29, 1944.
- 1947 Old Age Pensions Act revised with effect from May 1, 1947, the most significant amendments being -
 - (a) an increase in the maximum pension to \$360 a year (\$30 a month);
 - (b) an increase in the maximum amounts of income allowed;
 - (c) the deletion of the nationality requirement;
 - (d) the deletion of the provincial residence requirement;
 - (e) provision for a new method of calculating compensating residence in Canada;
 - (f) provision authorizing a province to specify in its agreement with Canada the maximum pension it would pay and the maximum amounts of income it would allow;
 - (g) the disqualification of an applicant for pension when in receipt of any allowance under the War Veterans' Allowance Act (previous exclusion referred to only allowance in respect of blindness);
 - (h) the lowering of the qualifying age of a blind applicant from 40 to 21 years.
- 1949 Old Age Pensions Act amended to increase the maximum pension from \$360 to \$480 a year Date of Assent April 30, 1949.
- 1950 Report of Joint Parliamentary Committee on Old Age Security recommending federal old age pensions of \$40 a month at 70 without a means test and federal-provincial old age assistance of \$40 a month at 65 with a means test.

(The implementation of the recommendation meant the termination of operations under the Old Age Pensions Act including payment of pensions for blind persons. It was necessary therefore, for Parliament to pass a new Act providing for blindness allowances).

1951 Blind Persons Act passed by Parliament - Date of Assent June 30, 1951.

(The provisions of this Act were broadly similar to the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act relating to pensions for the blind. However, the maximum allowance was \$40 a month, the maximum amounts of income allowed were higher and the residence requirement was ten years in Canada, instead of twenty years. The federal share was the same as before, namely, seventy-five per cent).

- 1951 Termination of normal operations under the Old Age Pensions Act as of December 31, 1951.
- 1952 Blind Persons Act brought into operation as of January 1, 1952.

(Old Age Security Act and Old Age Assistance Act came into operation as of the same date).

- 1954 Old Age Pensions Act repealed effective March 31, 1954 by proclamation dated March 31, 1954.
- 1955 Blind Persons Act amended to lower the qualifying age from 21 to 18 years and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent June 28, 1955.
- 1956 Unemployment Assistance Act passed, provides for federal sharing in additional assistance granted by provinces and municipalities to persons in receipt of assistance or allowances under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Persons Act or the Disabled Persons Act.
- 1957 Blind Persons Act amended to increase from July 1, 1957, the maximum allowance from \$40 to \$46 a month and the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent April 12, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from November 1, 1957, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$46 to \$55 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent November 21, 1957.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from February 1, 1962 to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$55 to \$65 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent February 15, 1962.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from December 1, 1963, to increase the maximum allowance payable from \$65 to \$75 a month and to increase the maximum amounts of income allowed Date of Assent December 12, 1963.
- 1965 Old Age Security Act amended to lower the age of eligibility from 70 to 65 one year at a time over a five-year period beginning January 1966 Date of Assent April 3, 1965.
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- 1966 Canada Assistance Plan Act passed by Parliament Date of Assent July 15, 1966, with effect, retroactively from April 1, 1966.
- Blind Persons Act amended as from April 1, 1966, to permit provinces, who have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for blind persons allowances and to allow the transfer of present recipients of allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits.
- 1966 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for payment of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to Old Age Security pensioners in Canada who have little or no other income - Date of Assent December 21, 1966.
- 1970 Old Age Security Act amended to increase from January 1, 1971, the federal pension from \$75 to \$80 a month and to provide for an increase in Guaranteed Income Supplement payments Date of Assent December 18, 1970.
- 1972 Old Age Security Act amended to provide for an increase in the basic pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, based on the Consumer Price Index, with effect from January 1, 1972. Date of Assent May 19, 1972.

8. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA AS AT MARCH 31, 1975

	Newfoundland	Prince Edward Island	Nova	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
			Act (Fe	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	222	97	373	358	247	50	89
Average monthly payment	\$73.96	\$74.77	\$73.19	\$73.39		\$36.08	\$57.74
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1974 - March 31, 1975	\$143,952.66	\$30,617.10	\$251,901.69	\$237,331.17	(1)	\$18,153.07	\$54,618.08
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (Fed	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, -1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	27	141	1	, 7	ŧ	1,560	
Average monthly payment	\$74.92	\$74.17	1.	\$75.00	1		
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1974 - March 31, 1975	\$17,493.39	\$100,389.60	\$13,755.30(CR.)	\$6,367.50	\$225.00	\$847,293.96(2)	
Average Monthly allowance (CANADA) \$70.78	TANADA) 870 78						

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⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

⁽²⁾ The provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia and the two Territories have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients. In addition, both British Columbia and the Yukon Territory have transferred their residual caseloads to other social assistance programs.

9. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Total	8,079	8,332	8,214	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671	8,642	8,573	8,634	8,581	8,586	8,149	7,582	5,808	5,267	4,818	4,015	2,916	2,557	1,814	1,560
Yukon Territory	2	2	2	2	9 .	9	S	S	10	M3	ы	4	44	ın	9	rv.	9	4	4	4	rv.	4	2	1
Northwest Territories	FI	11	13	36	100	25	27	28	34	42	45	46	46	49	44	300	33	30	28	26	26	29	13	7
British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	568	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432	429	429	31	1
Alberta	376	303	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234	209	190	161	141
Saskatch- ewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	406	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	54	43	36	32	27
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169	147	134	122	89
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	1,846	1,877	1,902	1,906	1,820	1,710	435	330	258	183	152	66	00	20
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	2,901	2,891	2,855	2,843	2,712	2,560	2,424	2,242	2,115	1,554	636	480	312	247
New Brunswick	783	750	731	706	717	719	715	724	206	969	697	701	629	679	979	589	536	491	448	424	397	364	341	23 22
Nova	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511	474	435	398	373
Prince Edward Island	75	79	06	95	96	06	96	87	50	100	080	00	79	7.1	72	67	69	63	20	50	46	47	48	46
Newfoundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	438	417	401	374	374	352	310	273	222
Fiscal Year	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975

Total	721,449.24	2,985,217.00	2,914,102.07	2,886,184.15	2,918,494,13	2,959,525.74	3,575,724.04	4,235,131,48	4,198,167.36	4,161,832.93	4,129,852.26	4,881,829.11	4,987,897.43	5,624,701.90	3,632,212.05	3,377,417.86	2,314,248.40	2,057,000.39	1,853,441.72	1,631,630.21	1,514,208.05	1,370,451.52	1,102,958.16	847,293.96
Yukon Territory	180.00 \$	720.00 2,9	720.00 2,9	900.00	1,350.00 2,9	2,160.00 2,9	2,299.50 3,5	2,505.75 4,2	1,815.00 4,1	1,485.00 4,1	1,485.00 4,1	2,238.75 4,8	1,998.75 4,9	2,666.25 5,6	3,993.75 3,6	3,881.25 3,3	3,460.23 2,3	3,518.19 2,0	2,700.00 1,8	2,700.00 1,6	2,981.25 1,5	3,037.50 1,3	1,912.50 1,1	225.00 8
Northwest Territories T	\$ 00.06 \$	1,740.00	4,537.50	5,175.00	6,330.00	7,447.50	10,860.75	12,745.50	14,936.24	18,833.43	20,580.00	23,452.50	27,214.50	32,745.75	32,310.00	28,068.75	23,082.79	22,968.75	20,085.00	19,125.00	17,089.50	19,284.00	14,767.50	6,367.50
British Columbia	\$ 37,827.17	162,910.06	174,964.30	170,795.84	166,771.68	169,386.75	213,809.22	248,774.22	263,096.68	269,049.52	270,365.01	319,456.73	335,593.49	372,208.44	358,286.73	336,638.70	315,768.90	300,887.95	292,556.56	286,125.65	283,789.33	278,296.30	120,210.93	3,755.30(CR.)
Alberta	\$ 33,766.59	133,821.88	135,585.97	140,148.69	145,706.99	151,070.53	188,604.02	223,720.72	223,872,96	220,877.97	222,544.66	271,515.93	278,013.77	311,992.13	307,675.85	284,078.01	258,007.23	229,294.13	192,337.76	164,573.17	146,150.34	130,533.67	115,589.00	100,389.60 13,755.30(CR)
Saskatch- ewan	\$ 30,667.15	123,692.07	125,796.13	132,670.19	135,218,60	141,839.14	176,094.73	203,033.80	195,648.92	196,127.28	193,308.08	240,693.48	246,009.90	256,062.90	248,003.93	204,546.87	110,352.01	96.060,79	51,482.40	38,990.55	28,389.77	24,767.12	22,061.55	17,493.39
Manitoba	\$ 35,948.87	153,548.81	148,244.15	145,013.60	145,547.11	147,725.00	170,030.87	198,648.89	195,335.91	187,225.71	188,334.84	214,162.70	230,263.51	258,946.06	251,385.52	226,219.36	200,718.05	186,794.87	174,387.68	129,468.58	97,193.08	83,165.38	70,331,36	54,618.08
Ontario	\$ 142,984.41	632,328.83	602,041.45	607,709.18	609,974.15	613,257.34	735,344.01	867,246.99	839,339.82	840,963.74	836,687.45	992,299.96	1,045,329.29	1,179,137.67	1,153,040.47	1,081,628.95	259,748.30	178,717.33	135,975.00	81,266.00	73,245.84	36,600.42	27,478.76	18,153.07
Quebec	\$ 271,902.08	1,104,179.94	1,057,841.80	1,028,750.38	1,036,242.60	1,046,322.67	1,264,975.17	1,500,856.38	1,494,170.00	1,456,778.84	1,412,001.61	1,662,936.61	1,642,868.90	1,892,813.46	\$		•	•	•		1		•	(E)-
New Brunswick	\$ 69,185.98	273,940.64	263,725.96	256,747.58	258,432.17	258,382.33	310,480.52	357,742.06	348,796.68	341,685.95	349,236.84	410,316.87	418,037.11	456,964.66	438,437,35	407,929.98	371,887.77	345,043.88	314,336.40	289,364.28	271,601.28	250,405.19	231,277.66	,901.69 237,331.17
Nova	\$ 64,199.33	253,717.72	250,566.53	247,787.65	254,603.63	258,095,42	312,968.60	376,544.49	378,784.18	380,910.70	386,324.97	450,274.94	468,866.02	509,670.87	487,503.95	466,060.73	440,422.00	405,049.27	370,106.53	339,401.11	324,425.59	294,797.84	274,153.82	251,901.69
Prince Edward Island	\$ 6,460.17	26,680.54	28,126.12	30,516.06	32,279.27	31,267.43	37,568.33	43,337.70	41,727.08	39,763.96	40,167.53	47,103.28	46,778.34	51,020.20	47,371.74	46,141.65	45,639,49	40,336.82	37,495.32	33,158.51	31,535.53	31,927.84	32,065.70	30,617.10
Newfound- land	\$ 28,237.49	117,936.51	121,952.16	119,969.98	126,037.93	132,571.63	152,688.32	199,974.98	200,643.89	208,130.83	208,816.27	247,377.36	246,923.85	300,473.51	304,202.76	292,223.61	285,161.63	277,298.24	261,979.07	247,457.36	237,806.54	217,636.26	193,109,38	143,952.66
Fiscal	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975 143,952

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1965-66 - \$1,841,038; 1966-67 - \$1,727,706; 1967-68 - \$1,646,095; 1968-69 - \$1,541,847; 1969-70 - \$1,448,015; 1970-71 - \$1,228,407; 1971-72 - \$448,359, 1972-73 - \$353,487; 1973-74 - \$253,501 and 1974-75 - \$174,325.

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which came into force April 1, 1965, funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The federal share of amounts claimed by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1974-75 has been as follows:-



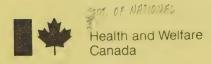


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REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS IN CANADA

FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1976





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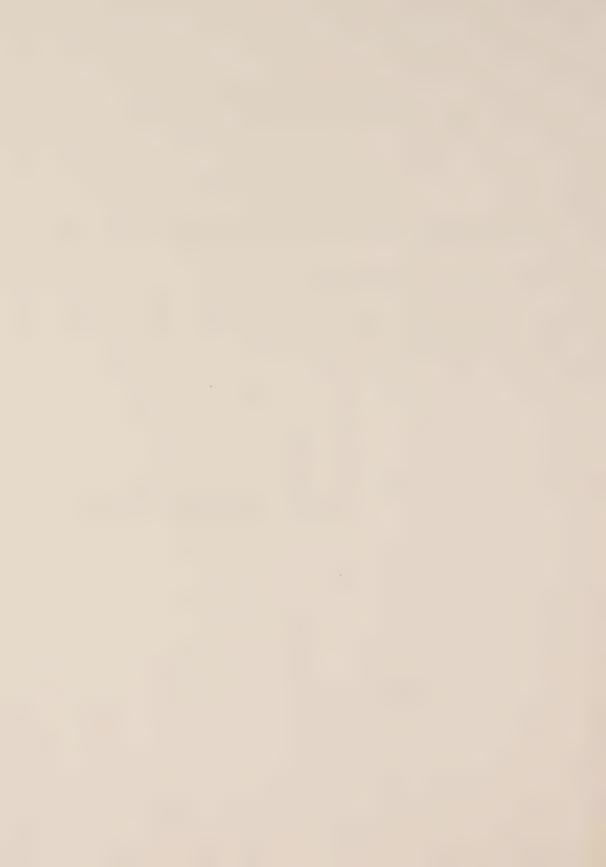
To His Excellency The Right Honourable Jules Leger, C.C., C.M.M., C.D., Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the Annual Report on the administration of the Blind Persons Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honourable Marc Lalonde Minister of National Health and Welfare



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Sir, - In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rawson Deputy Minister of National Welfare

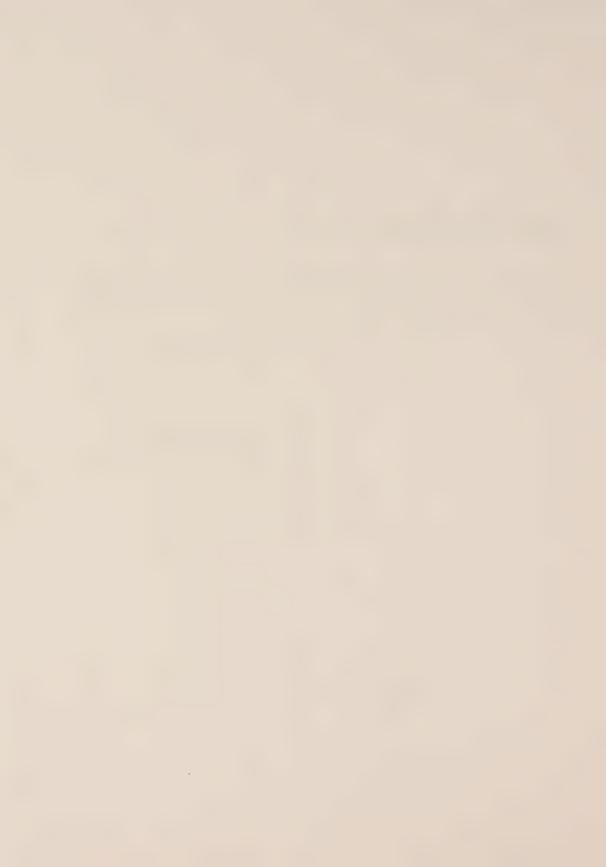
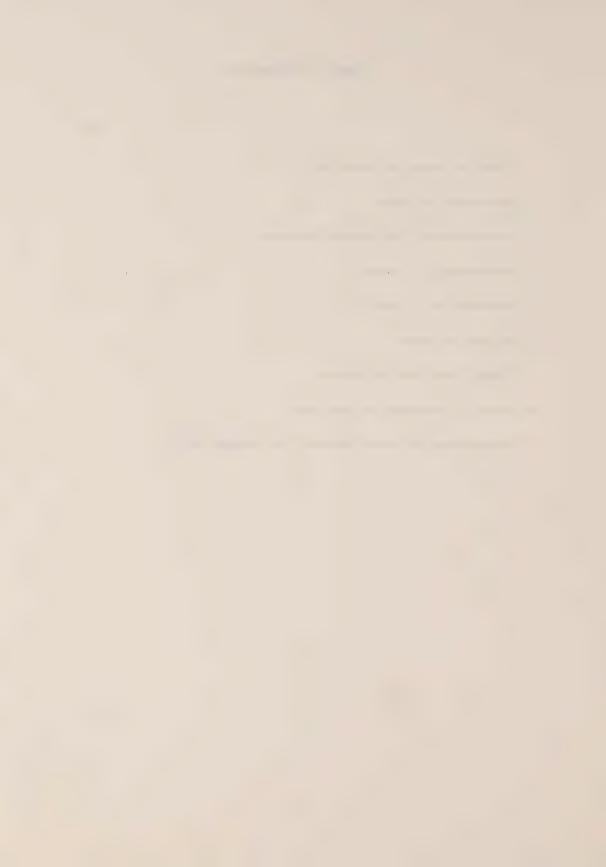


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REPORT TO PARLIAMENT ON

ALLOWANCES FOR BLIND PERSONS

Fiscal Year 1975-76

1. OPERATIONS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continues to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario on April 1, 1967, by Quebec on November 1, 1970, by the Northwest Territories on April 1, 1973, by British Columbia on June 1, 1973, by the Yukon Territory on December 1, 1974 and by New Brunswick on April 1, 1975. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968; however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1975-1976, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act to nine provinces and the two territories amounted to \$679,858.78. As at March 31, 1976, the number of recipients in all provinces and the territories was 1,002.

Additional statistical information furnished by the provinces will be found in Parts 7 to 9 of this report.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

There were no amendments to the Blind Persons Act during the fiscal year 1975-1976. Since the inception of the Act, the main provisions relating to eligibility have been as follows:

Period	Maximum monthly allowance	Age requirement	Years of residence in Canada	Maximum yearly income allowed including allowance
January 1, 1952 to June 27, 1955	\$40	21	10	\$ 840 (unmarried) 1,040 (dependent child) 1,320 (married) 1,440 (blind spouse)
June 28, 1955 to June 30, 1957	40	18	10	960 (unmarried) 1,160 (dependent child) 1,560 (married) 1,680 (blind spouse)
July 1, 1957 to October 31, 1957	46	18	10	1,080 (unmarried) 1,560 (dependent child) 1,740 (married) 1,860 (blind spouse)
November 1, 1957 to January 31, 1962	55	18	10	1,200 (unmarried) 1,680 (dependent child) 1,980 (married) 2,100 (blind spouse)
February 1, 1962 to November 30, 1963	65	18	10	1,380 (unmarried) 1,860 (dependent child) 2,340 (married) 2,460 (blind spouse)
From December 1, 1963	75	18	. 10	1,500 (unmarried) 1,980 (dependent child) 2,580 (married) 2,700 (blind spouse)

3. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act were not amended during 1975-76. Each agreement provides for payment of allowances based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including allowance, allowed by the Act.

The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

The provinces and territories were given Notice that the agreements between them and Canada under the Blind Persons Act are being terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9(1) of the Act. Termination will be effective on February 1, 1981.

4. ADMINISTRATION - FEDERAL

The Canada Assistance Plan Division in the Social Service Programs Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments.

Effective January 1, 1972, the Division assumed responsibility for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. This was a function of the former Health Services Branch of the Department. Medical examinations are carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1975-76 amounted to \$942.60.

The Division is also responsible for the supervision of provincial schemes, approved by the Governor in Council, for the administration of allowances for the blind.

5. ADMINISTRATION - PROVINCIAL

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act. The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

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			Act (F	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952
Number of recipients	193	40	326	28	203	23	46
Average monthly payment	\$74.31	\$74.74	\$73.06	\$73.39		\$41.46	\$68.96
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976	\$147,020.74	\$29,098,35	\$226,909.03	\$133,047.39	(1)	\$7,456.84	\$32,419.96
	Saskatchewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total	
			Act (F	Act (Federal) operative as from	as from		
	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Jan. 1, 1952	Apr. 1, 1952		
Number of recipients	22	120	P 5	Ħ	1	1,002	
Average monthly payment	\$75.00	\$73.81	1	\$75.00	1		
Federal Government's contributions April 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976	\$17,061.45	\$85,011.27	\$135.00(CR.)	\$1,968.75	1	\$679,858.78	

Average Monthly allowance (CANADA) \$72.56.

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act compensation is made to Quebec through tax abatement and equalization and adjustment payments made by the Department of Finance.

The provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick and the two Territories have ceased accepting applications under the blind persons program resulting in a reduction in federal contributions and number of recipients. In addition, both British Columbia and the Yukon Territory have transferred their residual caseloads to other social assistance programs. (2)

8. NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Total	8,079	8,332	8,214	8,122	8,230	8,256	8,400	8,747	8,671	8,642	8,573	8,634	8,581	8,586	8,143	7,582	5,808	5,267	4,818	4,015	2,916	2,557	1,814	1,560	1,002
Yukon Territory	2	2	2	. 2	9	9	ιn	ľ	ы	143	₩	4	4	r.	. 9	ъ	9	4	4	4	ro.	4	2	1	ŧ
Northwest Territories	1	11	13	9 ==	18	25	27	200	34	42	45	46	46	49	44	00	24	30	200	26	26	29	13		г
British Columbia	426	485	44 00 00	474	475	482	505	530	541	568	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432	429	429	31	1	1
Alberta	376	383	400	409	415	418	451	464	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234	209	190	161	141	120
Saskatch- ewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	406	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	5.4	43	36	32	27	22
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169	147	134	122	689	46
Ontario	1,604	1,751	1,710	1,731	1,719	1,713	1,720	1,833	1,847	1,845	1,846	1,877	1,902	1,906	1,820	1,710	435	330	258	1003	152	66	001	20	23
Quebec	3,013	3,041	2,949	2,866	2,905	2,918	2,956	3,056	3,012	2,949	2,901	2,891	2,855	2,843	2,712	2,560	2,424	2,242	2,115	1,554	636	480	312	247	203
New Brunswick	783	750	731	206	717	719	715	724	. 902	969	269	701	629	679	626	589	536	491	448	424	397	364	341	358	200
Nova	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792.	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511	474	435	398	373	326
Prince Edward Island	75	79	06	95	96	06	96	87	00 IV	90	80	600	79	71	72	67	69	63	20	50	46	47	48	46	40
Newfoundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	4 30	417	401	374	374	352	310	273	222	193
Fiscal Year	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975	1975-1976

Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatch- ewan	Alberta	British Columbia	Northwest Territories	Yukon Territory	Total
69,185.98 \$ 271	271,902.08 \$ 1	142,984.41 \$	35,948.87 \$	30,667.15 \$	33,766.59 \$	37,827.17	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 721,449.24
273,940.64 1,104	1,104,179.94 6	632,328.83	153,548.81	123,692.07	133,821.88	162,910.06	1,740.00	720.00	2,985,217.00
263,725.96 1,057	1,057,841.80 6	602,041.45	148,244.15	125,796.13	135,585.97	174,964.30	4,537.50	720.00	2,914,102.07
256,747.58 1,028	1,028,750.38 6	607,709.18	145,013.60	132,670.19	140,148.69	170,795.84	5,175.00	900.00	2,886,184.15
258,432.17 1,036	1,036,242.60 6	609,974.15	145,547.11	135,218.60	145,706.99	166,771.68	6,330.00	1,350.00	2,918,494.13
258,382.33 1,046	1,046,322.67 6	613,257.34	147,725.00	141,839.14	151,070.53	169,386.75	7,447.50	2,160.00	2,959,525.74
310,480.52 1,264	1,264,975.17 7	735,344.01	170,030.87	176,094.73	188,604.02	213,809.22	10,860.75	2,299.50	3,575,724.04
357,742.06 1,500	1,500,856.38 8	867,246.99	198,648.89	203,033.80	223,720.72	248,774.22	12,745.50	2,505.75	4,235,131.48
348,796.68 1,494	1,494,170.00	839,339.82	162,335.91	195,648.92	223,872.96	263,096.68	14,936.24	1,815.00	4,198,167.36
341,685.95 1,456	1,456,778.84 8	840,963.74	187,225.71	196,127.28	220,877.97	269,049.52	18,833.43	1,485.00	4,161,832.93
349,236.84 1,412	1,412,001.61 8	836,687.45	188,334.84	193,308.08	222,544.66	270,365.01	20,580.00	1,485.00	4,129,852.26
410,316.87 1,662	1,662,936.61 9	965,266	214,162.70	240,693.48	271,515.93	319,456.73	23,452.50	2,238.75	4,881,829.11
418,037.11 1,642	1,642,868.90 1,0	1,045,329.29	230,263.51	246,009.90	278,013.77	335,593.49	27,214.50	1,998.75	4,987,857.43
456,964.66 1,892	1,892,813.46 1,1	1,179,137.67	258,946.06	256,062.90	311,992.13	372,208.44	32,745.75	2,666.25	5,624,701.90
438,437.35	- 1,1	1,153,040.47	251,385.52	248,003.93	307,675.85	358,286.73	32,310.00	3,993.75	3,632,212.05
407,929.98	- 1,0	1,081,628.95	226,219.36	204,546.87	284,078.01	336,638.70	28,068.75	3,881.25	3,377,417.86
371,887.77	- 2	259,748.30	200,718.05	110,352.01	258,007.23	315,768.90	23,082.79	3,460.23	2,314,248.40
345,043.88		178,717.33	186,794.87	96.060,79	229,294.13	300,887.95	22,968.75	3,518.19	2,057,000.39
314,336.40	1	135,975.00	174,387.68	51,482.40	192,337.76	292,556.56	20,085.00	2,700.00	1,853,441.72
289,364.28		81,266.00	129,468.58	38,990.55	164,573.17	286,125.65	19,125.00	2,700.00	1,631,630.21
271,601.28		73,245.84	97,193.08	28,389.77	146,150.34	283,789.33	17,089.50	2,981.25	1,514,208.05
250,405.19	,	36,600.42	83,165.38	24,767.12	130,533.67	278,296.30	19,284.00	3,037.50	1,370,451,52
231,277.66		27,478.76	70,331.36	22,061.55	115,589.00!	120,210.93	14,767.50	1,912.50	1,102,958.16
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Act to Quebec are received through a tax abatement to the province. The federal share of amounts claimed by Quebec through this arrangement for the fiscal years 1965-66 to 1975-76 has been as follows:-

^{1965-66 - \$1,841,038; 1966-67 - \$1,727,706; 1967-68 - \$1,646,095; 1968-69 - \$1,541,847; 1969-70 - \$1,448,015; 1970-71 - \$1,228,407; 1971-72 - \$448,359, 1972-73 - \$353,487; 1973-74 - \$253,501; 1974-75 - \$174,325} and 1975-76 - \$142,233.





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His Excellency
The Right Honourable Jules Leger
Governor General and Commander-In-Chief

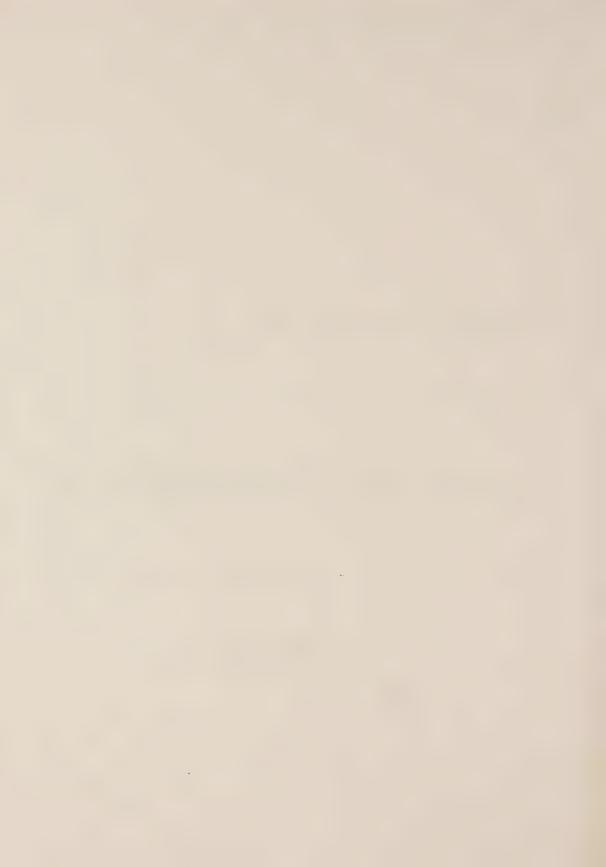
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned has the honour to present to Your Excellency the Annual Report on the administration of the Blind Persons Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Bégin Minister of National Health and Welfare





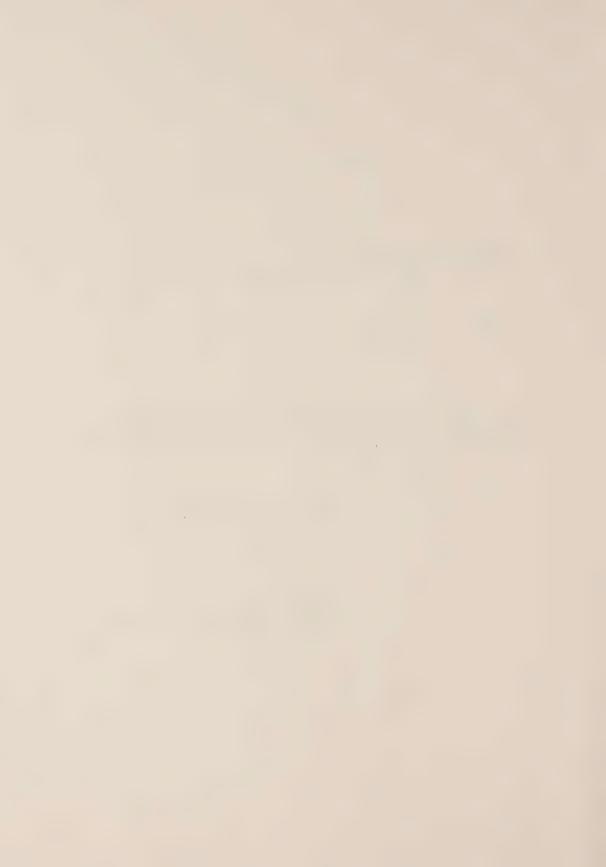
The Honourable Monique Bégin Minister of National Health and Welfare

Madam:

In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Rawson
Deputy Minister of National
and Welfare



Provisions of the Blind Persons Act

The Blind Persons Act provides for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 per cent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces pay allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continues to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. Both of these

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steps were taken by Saskatchewan on April 1, 1966, by Ontario on April 1, 1967, by Quebec on November 1, 1970, by the Northwest Territories on April 1, 1973, by British Columbia on June 1, 1973, by the Yukon Territory on December 1, 1974, by New Brunswick on April 1, 1975, and by Manitoba on April 1, 1976. Alberta ceased accepting applications on January 1, 1968; however, recipients then in receipt of a blind persons allowance continued to receive payments under the Act.

For 1976-77, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act amounted to \$479,169. In addition, in accordance with the agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the province of Quebec received \$117,020 in tax abatement monies. As at March 31, 1977, the number of recipients totalled 886.

1. AGREEMENTS WITH PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The agreements made by Canada with the provinces and territories in accordance with the provisions of the Blind Persons Act provide for payment of allowances based on the maximum amount specified in the Act and for the maximum amounts of income, including allowance, allowed by the Act.

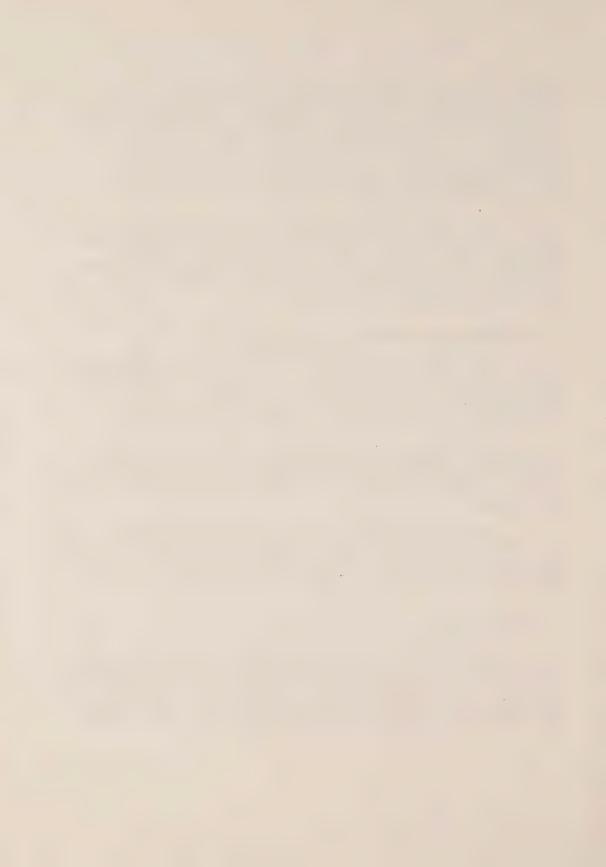
The agreement made in 1965-66 with Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act does not alter the operation of the blind persons allowance program in the province except as to the manner in which the program is financed.

The provinces and territories were given Notice that the agreements between them and Canada under the Blind Persons Act are being terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9(1) of the Act. Termination will be effective on February 1, 1981.

2. ADMINISTRATION

Blind persons allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act. The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of blind persons allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

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The Canada Assistance Plan Directorate of the Social Service Programs Branch is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. It is also responsible for the supervision of provincial schemes, approved by the Governor in Council, for the administration of allowances for the blind.

Effective January 1, 1972, the Directorate assumed responsibility for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. This was a function of the former Health Services Branch of the Department. Medical examinations are carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. Oculists' fees during 1976-77 amounted to \$912.40.

3. BLINDNESS IN CANADA

The Canada Assistance Plan Directorate provides consultant and advisory services, determining eligibility to blind persons allowance. During the year, 72 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 773 reports from provincial authorities on behalf of applicants.



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His Excellency
The Right Honourable E.R. Schreyer
Governor General and Commander-In-Chief

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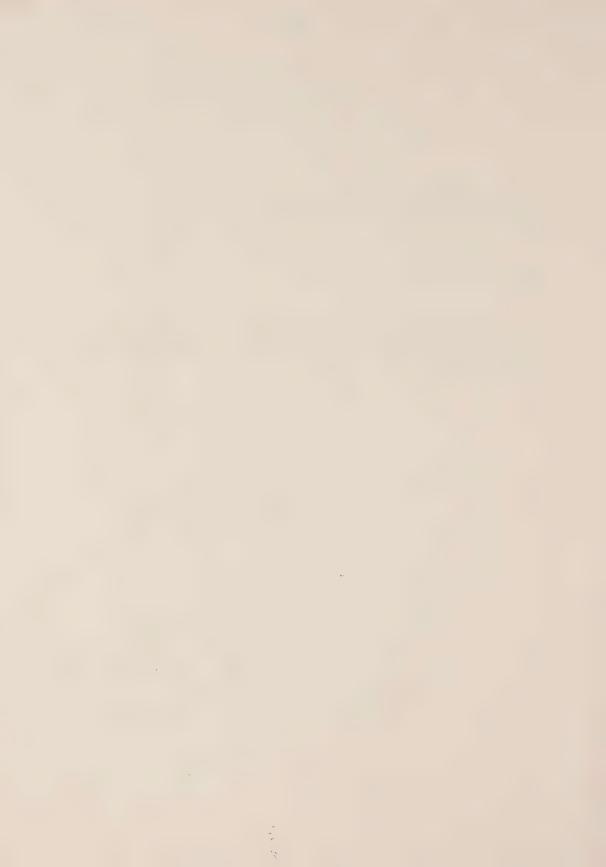
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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Respectfully submitted,

David Crombie
Minister of National
Health and Welfare





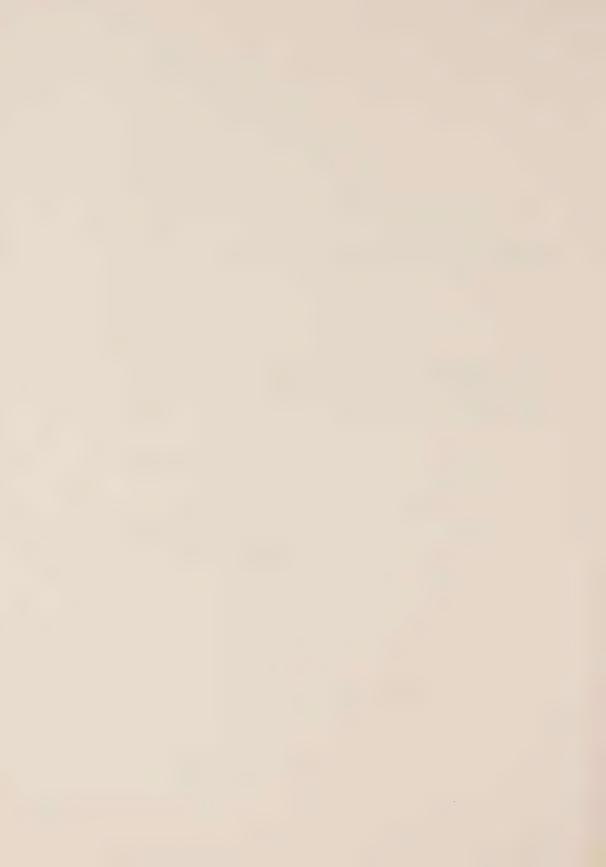
The Honourable David Crombie Minister of National Health and Welfare

Sir:

In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. McDougall Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare



Provisions of the Blind Persons Act

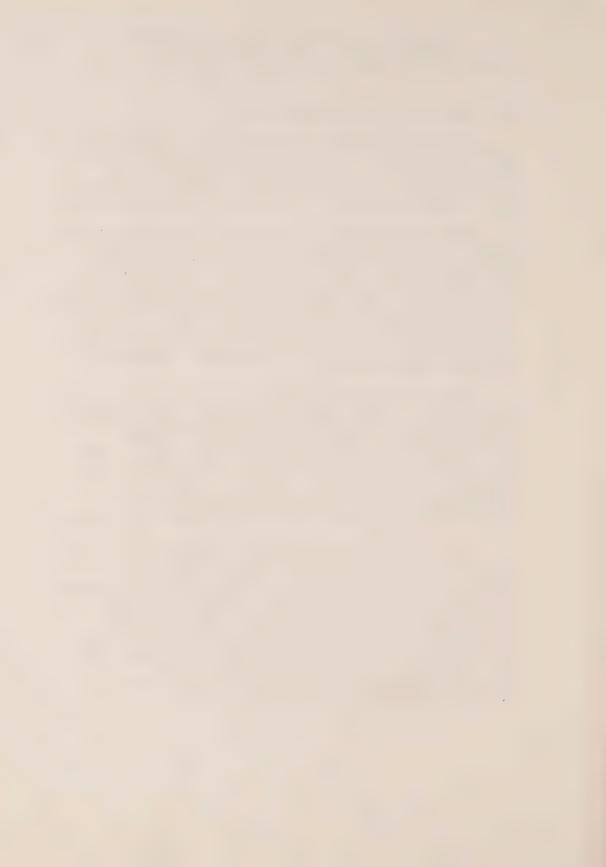
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The Act specifies \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada may share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, are \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulate these amounts.

Payments through the Department of National Health and Welfare to Quebec were discontinued under the terms of a supplementary agreement between Canada and the province under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act which came into force April 1, 1965. As a result of this agreement the funds formerly paid to Quebec under the Blind Persons Act are received by the province through a tax abatement. However, the program continues to be administered in accordance with the provisions set out in the Act and Regulations.

Under an amendment to the Blind Persons Act enacted in July, 1966, provinces that have signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan may discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and may assist this group under programs for which contributions are made through the Plan. They may also transfer current recipients of blind persons allowances to a program coming under the Plan if they will qualify for comparable or greater benefits. All provinces with the exception of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, have ceased accepting applications under this program.

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For 1977-78, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act amounted to \$371,344. In addition, in accordance with the agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act the province of Quebec received \$103,696 in tax abatement monies. As at March 31, 1978, the number of recipients totalled 806.

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Effective January 1, 1972, the Directorate assumed responsibility for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. This was a function of the former Health Services Branch of the Department. Medical examinations are carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. During the year, 68 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 727 reports from provincial authorities on behalf of applicants. Oculists' fees during 1977-78 amounted to \$836.60.



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His Excellency
The Right Honourable E.R. Schreyer
Governor General and Commander-In-Chief

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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Respectfully submitted,

Monique Bégin Minister of National Health and Welfare





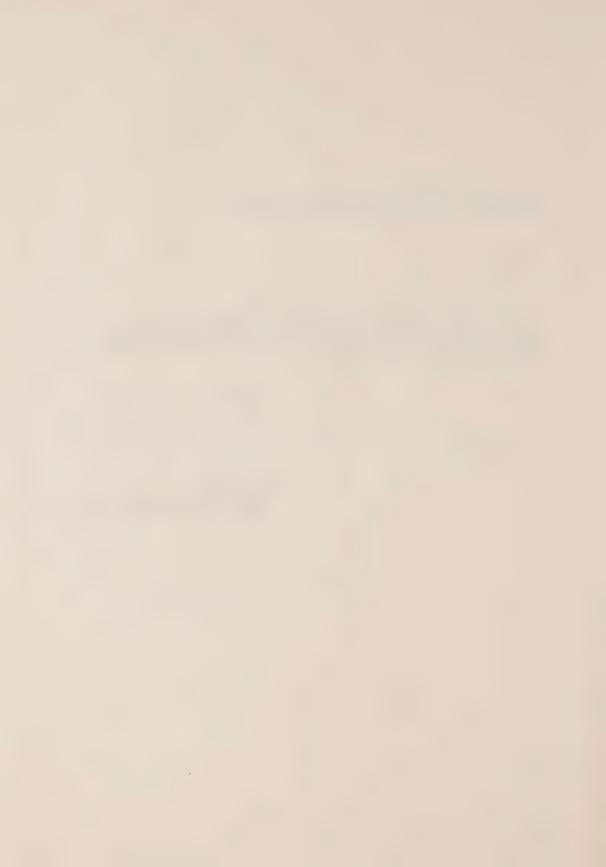
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Respectfully submitted,

J.L. Fry
Deputy Minister of
National Health and Welfare



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF
BLIND PERSONS ALLOWANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1978-79

Provisions of the Blind Persons Act

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For 1978-79, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act amounted to \$468,658. In addition, the province of Quebec received \$92,786. under the Federal Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977. As of March 31, 1979, the number of recipients totalled 743.



ADMINISTRATION

The provinces and territories were given Notice that the agreements between them and Canada under the Blind Persons Act are being terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 (1) of the Act. Termination will be effective on February 1, 1981.

Blind Persons Allowances are paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act. The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of Blind Persons Allowances work within the welfare departments of the provinces.

The Canada Assistance Plan Directorate of the Social Service Programs Branch is responsible for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. It is also responsible for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. Medical examinations are carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government. During the year, 70 eye examination reports were reviewed, as well as 746 reports from provincial authorities on behalf of applicants. Oculists' fees during 1978-79 amounted to \$1,283.50.



CANADA. DEPT. OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFAR :

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His Excellency The Right Honourable E.R. Schreyer Governor General and Commander-In-Chief

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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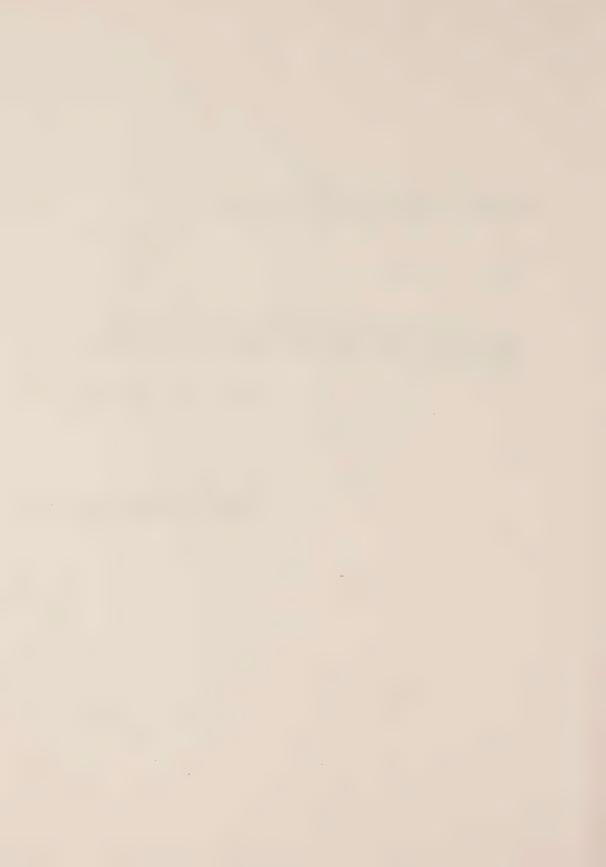
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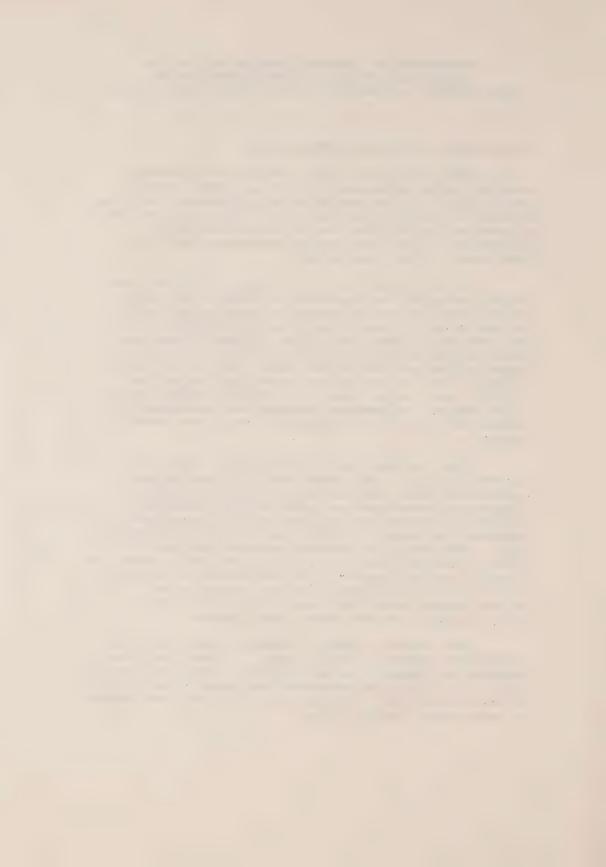
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For 1979-80, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act amounted to \$351,683. In addition, the province of Quebec received \$80,834. under the Federal Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977. As of March 31, 1980, the number of recipients totalled 493.



. ADMINISTRATION

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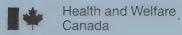
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ADMINISTRATION OF THE BLIND PERSONS ACT

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981





His Excellency The Right Honourable E.R. Schreyer Governor General and Commander-In-Chief

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

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Respectfully submitted,

Monique Bégin Minister of National Health and Welfare



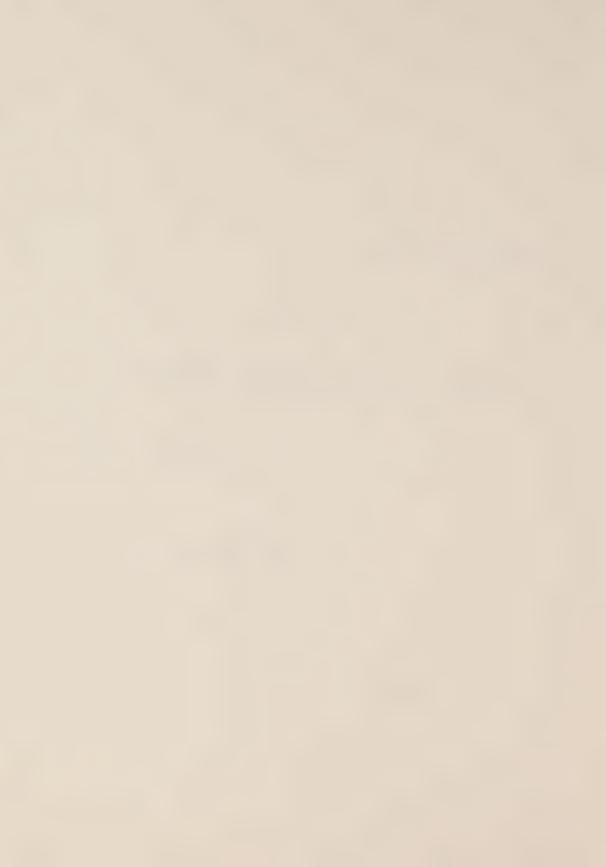
The Honourable Monique Bégin Minister of National Health and Welfare

Madam:

In accordance with Section 12 of the Blind Persons Act, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981.

Respectfully submitted,

J.L. Fry
Deputy Minister of
National Health and Welfare



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF BLIND PERSONS ALLOWANCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-81

Provisions of the Blind Persons Act

The Blind Persons Act, assented to June 30, 1951, provided for federal sharing, under agreements, of 75 percent of the amounts paid by the provinces for allowances to blind persons 18 years of age and over. The provinces paid allowances to recipients under the authority of provincial legislation but in accordance with the provisions of the federal Act.

The Act specified \$75 a month as the maximum amount in which the Government of Canada could share. The maximum amounts of income allowed by the Act, including any allowance payable, were \$1,500 a year in the case of an unmarried person without a dependent child or children, \$1,980 a year in the case of an unmarried person with a dependent child or children, \$2,580 a year in the case of a married person and \$2,700 a year in the case of a married person with a blind spouse. Agreements between the Government of Canada and provincial governments stipulated these amounts.

The provinces and territories were given Notice in January, 1971, that the agreements between them and Canada under the Blind Persons Act would be terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 (1) of the Act. The effective date of termination was February 1, 1981.

ADMINISTRATION

Blind Persons Allowances were paid to recipients under the authority of provincial acts and territorial ordinances which must conform to the definition of "provincial law" in the federal Act. The provincial authorities responsible for the administration of Blind Persons Allowances worked within the welfare departments of the provinces.

During 1966 the Canada Assistance Plan Directorate of the Social Service Programs Branch assumed responsibility for the examination of provincial decisions and accounts in connection with the payment to the provinces of the federal share of allowance payments. Prior to that date this function was the responsibility of the Old Age Assistance Division in the Welfare Branch of the Department.

Effective January 1, 1972, the Directorate assumed responsibility for the medical examination of applicants and recipients. This was a function of the former Health Services Branch of the Department. Medical examinations were carried out by oculists employed and paid by the Federal Government.

For 1980-81, federal payments under the Blind Persons Act amounted to \$166,993. In addition, the province of Quebec received \$44,084 under the Federal/Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977. As of January 31, 1981, the final month for federal sharing under the Act, the number of recipients totalled 413.

During the twenty-nine year period that the Act was operative approximately 21 525 persons were granted allowances and the total federal share of payments made by the provinces, including Quebec, was \$84,642,460. Additional statistical information will be found in the attached tables.

AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT

The Blind Persons Act was amended on six occasions since its inception in 1952. The first amendment, which came into force June 28, 1955, reduced the age requirement from 21 years to 18 years and increased the maximum yearly income allowed, including the allowance. The next four amendments increased the maximum monthly allowance from \$40 to \$46 July 1, 1957, to \$55 November 1, 1957, to \$65 February 1, 1962 and to \$75 December 1, 1963. In each instance the maximum yearly allowable income was also increased. The sixth amendment enacted in July, 1966, enabled provinces, that had signed agreements under the Canada Assistance Plan, to discontinue acceptance of applications for Blind Persons Allowances and to transfer recipients to a program under the Plan, if they could qualify for comparable or greater benefits. All provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia took advantage of this option which accounts for the decrease in caseloads.

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS AT END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR FROM INCEPTION OF ACT

Total	8079	8332	8214	8122	8230	8256	8400	8747	8671	8642	8573	8634	8581	8586	8149	7582	5808	5267	4818	4015	2916	2557	1814	1560	1002	886	908	743	493	413(1)
Yukon Territories	2	2	2	2	9	9	5	Ŋ	m	M	M	4	7	iv.	9	5	9	7	7	7	5	4	2	1	ı	1	1	ı	ı	t
Northwest Territories	-	-	13	16	18	25	27	28	34	42	45	46	97	67	44	38	33	30	28	26	26	29	13	7	_	ŧ	1	1	ą	1
British Columbia	426	485	488	474	475	482	505	530	541	899	563	547	551	556	532	484	451	439	430	432	429	429	31	ı	ı	1	ı	1	1	ı
Alberta	376	383	400	607	415	418	451	797	459	461	454	463	465	475	448	412	376	315	264	234	500	190	161	141	120	108	97	87	51	21
Saskatchewan	343	342	366	374	389	399	412	417	397	409	907	422	406	391	366	272	131	66	89	54	43	36	32	27	22	18	12	6	4	2
Manitoba	401	430	411	405	411	402	392	409	396	380	378	379	383	401	364	325	294	276	255	169	147	134	122	89	917	34	28	21	17	-
Ontario	1604	1751	1710	1731	1719	1713	1720	1833	1847	1845	1846	1877	1902	1906	1820	1710	435	330	258	183	152	66	81	50	23	17	12	10	10	5
Quebec	3013	3041	2949	2866	2905	2918	2956	3056	3012	2949	2901	2891	2855	2843	2712	2560	2424	2242	2115	1554	636	480	312	247	203	169	149	134	84	80
New Brunswick	783	750	731	902	717	719	715	724	706	969	269	701	619	619	979	589	536	491	448	424	397	364	341	358	28	15	6	1	ı	ı
Nova Scotia	734	722	718	706	726	714	745	787	773	786	771	792	775	750	714	682	636	577	524	511	474	435	398	373	326	321	311	305	293	267
Prince Edward Island	75	79	90	95	96	9.0	96	87	85	81	80	833	79	71	72	67	69	63	90	50	94	47	48	949	40	77	33	32	31	27
Newfoundland	321	336	336	338	353	370	376	407	418	422	429	429	436	460	445	438	417	401	374	374	352	310	273	222	193	173	155	145	M	-
Fiscal	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967-1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978	1978-1979	1979-1980	1980-1981

⁽¹⁾ Denotes the number of recipients as of January 31, 1981, the date the agreements were terminated with the Provinces.

Total	\$ 721,449.24	2,985,217.00	2,914,102.07	2,886,184.15	2,918,494.13	2,959,525,74	3,575,724.04	4,235,131.48	4,198,167.36	4,161,832.93	4,129,852.26	4,881,829.11	4,987,897.43	5,624,701.90	3,632,212.05	3,377,417.86	2,314,248.40	2,057,000.39	1,853,441.72	1,631,630.21	1.514,208.05	1,370,451.52	1,102,958.16	847,293.96	679,858.78	479,168.86	371,634.26	468,658.23	351,682.84	166,993.26	73, 398, 967.39
Yukon Territories	\$ 180.00	720.00	720.00	900.00	1,350.00	2,160.00	2,299.50	2,505.75	1,815.00	1,485.00	1,485.00	2,238.75	1,998.75	2,666.25	3,993.75	3,881.25	3,460.23	3,518.19	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,981.25	3,037.50	1,912.50	225.00	ŧ	1	1	ı	ı	1	50,933.67
Northwest Territories	\$ 90.00	1,740.00	4,537.50	5,175.00	6,330.00	7,447.50	10,860.75	12,745.50	14,936.24	18,833.43	20,580.00	23,452.50	27,214.50	32,745.75	32,310.00	28,068.75	23,082.79	22,968.75	20,085.00	19,125.00	17,089.50	19,284.00	14,767.50	6,367.50	1,968.75	168.75	1	J	,	1	391, 974.96
British Columbia	\$ 37,827.17	162,910.06	174,964.30	170.795.84	166,771.68	169,386.75	213,809.22	248,774.22	263,096.68	269,049.52	270,365.01	319,456.73	335,593.49	372,208.44	358,286.73	336,638,70	315,768.90	300,887.95	292,556.56	286,125.65	283,789.33	278,296.30	120,210.93	13,755.30 CR)	135.00(CR)	45.00	360.00(CR)	60.00(CR)	138.75;CR)	65,37(CR)	5,733,100.74
Alberta	\$ 33,766.59	133,821.88	135,585.97	140,148.69	145,706.99	151,070.53	188,604.02	223,720.72	223,872.96	220,877.97	222,544.66	271,515.93	278,013.77	311.992.13	307,675.85	284,078.01	258,007.23	229,294.13	192,337.76	164,573.17	146,150.34	130,533.67	115,589.00	100,389.60	85,011.27	74,219.24	55,898.67	65,121.57	50,597.76	15,584.40	4,956,304.48
Saskatchewan	\$ 30,667.15	123,692.07	125,796.13	132,670.19	135,218.60	141,839.14	176,094.73	203,033.80	195,648.92	196,127.28	193,308.08	240,693.48	246,009.90	256,062,90	248,003.93	204,546.87	110,352.01	96.090,79	51,482.40	38,990.55	28,389.77	24,767.12	22,061.55	17,493.39	17,061.45	11,806.25	8,111.25	7,633.37	4,429.78	1,657.50	3,260,740.52
Manitoba	\$ 35,948.87	153,548.81	148,244.15	145,013.60	145,547.11	147,725.00	170,030.87	198,648.89	195,335,91	187,225.71	188,334.84	214,162,70	230,263.51	258,946.06	251,385.52	226,219.36	200,718.05	186,794.87	174,387.68	129,468.58	97,193.08	83,165,38	70,331.36	54,618.08	32,419.96	22,584.53	17,221.40	14,674.73	10,946.97	5,965,35	3,997,070.93
Ontario	\$ 142,984.41	632,328.83	602,041.45	607.709.18	609,974.15	613,257.34	735,344.01	867,246.99	839,339.82	840,963.74	836,687.45	992,299.96	1,045,329.29	1,179,137.67	1,153,040.47	1,081,628.95	259,748.30	178,717.33	135,975.00	81,266.00	73,245.84	36,600.42	27,478.76	18,153.07	7,456.84	4,516.89	2,719.62	4,120.65	2,184.32	12,781.49(CR)	13,598,715.26
Quebec	\$ 271,902.08	1,104,179.94	1,057,841.80	1,028,750.38	1,036,242.60	1,046,322.67	1,264,975.17	1,500,856.38	1,494,170.00	1,456.778.84	1,412,001.61	1,662,936.61	1,642,868.90	1,892,813.46	-(1)	ı	ı	1	1	ı	ı	1	ı	ı	ı	1	ŧ	t	ì		17,872,640.44
New Brunswick	\$ 69,185.98	273,940.64	263,725.96	256,747.58	258,432.17	258,382.33	310,480.52	357,742.06	348,796.68	341,685.95	349,236.84	410,316.87	418,037.11	456,964.66	438,437.35	407,929.98	371,887.77	345,043.88	314,336,40	289,364.28	271,601.28	250,405.19	231,277.66	237,331.17	133,047.39	14,806.56	7,122.71	4,336.51	380.25(CR)	1	7,690,223.23
Nova	\$ 64,199.33	253,717.72	250,566.53	247,787.65	254,603,63	258,095.42	312,968.60	376,544.49	378,784.18	380,910.70	386,324.97	450,274.94	468,866.02	509,670.87	487,503.95	466,060.73	440,422.00	405,049.27	370,106.53	339,401.11	324,425.59	294,797.84	274,153.82	251,901.69	226,909.03	206,840.43	188,418,16	216,072.85	192,557.43	146,588.37	9,424,523.85
Prince Edward Island	\$ 6,460.17	26,680.54	28,126.12	30,516.06	32,279.27	31,267.43	37,568.33	43,337.70	41,727.08	39,763.96	40,167.53	47,103.28	46,778.34	51,020.20	47,371.74	46,141.65	45,639.49	40,336.82	37,495.32	33,158.51	31,535.53	31,927.84	32,065.70	30,617.10	29,098.35	23,869.35	19,290.75	23,038.50	20,911.50	10,132.50	1,005,426.66
Newfoundland	\$ 28,237.49	117,936,51	121,952.16	119,969.98	126,037.93	132,571.63	152,688.32	199,974.98	200,643.89	208,130.83	208,816.27	247,377.36	246,923.85	300,473.51	304,202.76	292,223.61	285,161.63	277,298.24	261,979.07	247,457.36	237,806.54	217,636.26	193,109.38	143,952.66	147,020.74	120,311.86	73,211.70	133,720.05	70,574.08	88.00(CR)	5,417,312.65
fiscal	1951-1952	1952-1953	1953-1954	1954-1955	1955-1956	1956-1957	1957-1958	1958-1959	1959-1960	1960-1961	1961-1962	1962-1963	1963-1964	1964-1965	1965-1966	1966-1967	1967–1968	1968-1969	1969-1970	1970-1971	1971-1972	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978	1978-1979	1979-1980	1980-1981	TOTALS

⁽¹⁾ In accordance with an agreement under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act, which was in force from April 1, 1965 to March 1977, funds formerly paid under the Blind Persons Act to Quebec were received the abstement to the province and part of the province were made under the Federal Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977. The Federal share of amounts claimed by Quebec through these arrangements have been as follows:

1965-66 - \$1,841,038; 1966-67 - \$1,727,706; 1967-68 - \$1,646,095; 1966-69 - \$1,541,847; 1969-70 - \$1,448,015; 1970-71 - \$1,228,407; 1971-72 - \$448,559; 1972-73 - \$555,487; 1973-74 - \$255,501; 1974-75 - \$174,325; 1975-76 - \$142,233; 1976-77 - \$117,080; 1977-78 - \$10,566; 1978-79 - \$92,786; 1979-80 - \$80,834; and 1980-81 - \$44,064.

50,933.67	391,974.96	5,733,100.74	4,956,304.48	3,260,740.52	3,997,070.93	13,598,715.26	17,872,640.44	7,690,223.23	9,424,523.85	1,005,426.66	5,417,312.65	TOTAUX
1		65.37(CR)	15,584.40	1,657.50	5,965,35	12,781.49(CR)		1	146,588.37	10, 132, 50	88.00(CR)	1980-1981
ŧ		138.75(CR)	50,597.76	4,429.78	10,946.97	2,184.32	1	380.25(CR)	192,557.43	20,911.50	70,574.08	1979-1980
)		60.00(CR)	65,121.57	7,633.37	14,674.73	4,120.65	1	4,336.51	216,072.85	23,038.50	133,720.05	1978-1979
	1	360.00(CR)	55,898.67	8,111.25	17,221.40	2,719.62	1	7,122.71	188,418.16	19,290.75	73,211.70	1977-1978
168.75	16	45,00	74,219,24	11,806.25	22,584.53	4,516.89	1	14,806.56	206,840.43	23,869.35	120,311.86	1976-1977
8.75	1,968.75	135.00(CR)	85,011.27	17,061.45	32,419.96	7,456.84	1	133,047.39	226,909.03	29,098.35	147,020.74	1975-1976
. 50	6,367.50	13,755.30(CR)	100, 389, 60	17,493.39	54,618.08	18,153.07	,	237, 331.17	251,901.69	30,617.10	143,952.66	1974-1975
50	14,767.50	120,210.93	115,589.00	22,061.55	70,331.36	27,478.76	1	231,277.66	274,153.82	32,065.70	193,109.38	1973-1974
00	19,284.00	278,296.30	130,533.67	24,767.12	83,165.38	36,600.42	1	250,405.19	294, 797.84	31,927.84	217,636.26	1972-1973
ŏ	17,089.50	283,789.33	146,150.34	28,389.77	97,193.08	73,245.84	1	271,601.28	324,425.59	31,535.53	237,806.54	1971-1972
0	19,125.00	286,125.65	164,573.17	38,990.55	129,468,58	81,266.00	1	289, 364.28	339,401.11	33,158.51	247,457.36	1970-1971
	20,085.00	292,556.56	192, 337.76	51,482.40	174, 387.68	135,975.00	,	314, 336.40	370,106.53	37,495.32	261,979.07	1969-1970
	22,968.75	300,887.95	229,294.13	67,090.96	186,794.87	178,717.33	1	345,043.88	405,049.27	40,336.82	277,298.24	1968-1969
	23,082.79	315,768.90	258,007.23	110,352.01	200,718.05	259,748.30	1	371,887.77	440,422.00	45,639,49	285,161.63	1967-1968
	28,068.75	336,638.70	284,078.01	204,546.87	226,219.36	1,081,628.95	1	407,929.98	466,060.73	46,141.65	292,223.61	1966-1967
	32,310.00	358,286.73	307,675.85	248,003.93	251, 385. 52	1,153,040.47	-(1)	438,437.35	487,503.95	47,371.74	304,202.76	1965-1966
_	32,745.75	372,208.44	311,992.13	256,062.90	258,946.06	1,179,137.67	1,892,813.46	456,964.66	509,670.87	51,020.20	300,473.51	1964-1965
	27,214.50	335, 593.49	278,013.77	246,009.90	230, 263.51	1,045,329.29	1,642,868.90	418,037.11	468,866.02	46,778.34	246, 923.85	1963-1964
	23,452.50	319,456.73	271,515.93	240,693.48	214,162.70	992,299.96	1,662,936.61	410,316.87	450,274.94	47,103.28	247,377.36	1962-1963
	20,580.00	270, 365.01	222,544.66	193, 308.08	188,334.84	836,687.45	1,412,001.61	349,236.84	386, 324.97	40,167.53	208,816.27	1961-1962
- mertures	18,833.43	269,049.52	220,877.97	196,127.28	187,225.71	840,963.74	1,456,778.84	341,685.95	380,910.70	39,763.96	208,130.83	1960-1961
-	14,936.24	263,096.68	223,872.96	195, 648. 92	195, 335.91	839, 339.82	1,494,170.00	348,796.68	378, 784. 18	41,727.08	200,643.89	1959-1960
	12,745.50	248,774.22	223,720.72	203,033.80	198,648.89	867,246.99	1,500,856.38	357,742.06	376,544.49	43,337.70	199,974.98	1958-1959
	10,860.75	213,809.22	188,604.02	176,094.73	170,030.87	735,344.01	1,264,975.17	310,480.52	312,968.60	37, 568. 33	152,688.32	1957-1958
	7,447.50	169,386.75	151,070.53	141,839.14	147,725.00	613,257.34	1,046,322.67	258,382.33	258,095.42	31,267.43	132,571.63	1956-1957
-	6,330.00	166,771.68	145, 706. 99	135,218.60	145,547.11	609,974.15	1,036,242.60	258,432.17	254,603.63	32,279.27	126,037.93	1955-1956
-	5,175.00	170,795.84	140,148.69	132,670.19	145,013.60	607,709.18	1,028,750.38	256,747.58	247,787.65	30,516.06	119,969.98	1954-1955
Artematica	4,537.50	174,964.30	135, 585.97	125, 796. 13	148,244.15	602,041.45	1,057,841.80	263, 725.96	250,566.53	28, 126.12	121, 952.16	1953-1954
	1,740.00	162,910.06	133,821.88	123,692.07	153,548.81	632,328.83	1,104,179.94	273,940.64	253,717.72	26,680.54	117,936.51	1952-1953
	\$ 90.00	\$ 37,827.17	\$ 33,766.59	\$ 30,667.15	\$ 35,948.87	\$ 142,984.41	\$ 271,902.08	\$ 69,185.98	\$ 64,199.33	\$ 6,460.17	\$ 28,237.49	1951-1952
	Nord-Ouest	Britannique	Alberta	Saskatchewan	Manitoba	Ontario	Québec	Nouveau-Brunsmick	Nouvelle- Écosse	Ile-du-Prince- Edouard	Terre-Neuve	Année financière
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En vertu d'un accord signé dans le cadre de la loi sur les programmes établis (arrangements provisoires), en vigueur du 1º1 avril 1865 à mars 1977, les sammes précédement veryées au (Adère en vertu de la loi sur les accords fisicaux entre le quivernement les accords fisicaux entre le quivernement avec et aux le financement des programmes établis. Voici la quote-part fédérale des sommess réclamées per le Québec au titre de ces accords: 1974-75 - \$ 174,325; 1975-76 - \$ 142,233; 1976-77 - \$ 117,080; 1971-72 - \$ 448,359; 1972-73 - \$ 353,487; 1973-74 - \$ 253,501; 1968-69 - \$1,541,847; 1969-70 - \$1,448,015; 1970-71 - \$1,228,407; 1977-78 - \$ 103,696; 1978-79 - \$ 92,786; 1979-80 - \$ 80,834; et 1965-66 - \$1,841,038; 1966-67 - \$1,727,706; 1967-68 - \$1,646,095;

1980-81 - \$ 44,084.

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1980-1981	1979-1980	1978-1979	1977-1978	1976-1977	1975-1976	1974-1975	1973-1974	1972-1973	1971-1972	1970-1971	1969-1970	1968-1969	1967-1968	1966-1967	1965-1966	1964-1965	1963-1964	1962-1963	1961-1962	1960-1961	1959-1960	1958-1959	1957-1958	1956-1957	1955-1956	1954-1955	1953-1954	1952-1953	1951-1952	Année financière
ı	3	145	155	173	193	222	273	310	352	374	374	401	417	438	445	460	436	429	429	422	418	407	376	370	353	. 338	336	336	321	Terre-Neuve
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267	293	305	311	321	326	373	398	435	474	511	524	577	636	682	714	750	775	792	771	786	773	787	745	714	726	706	718	722	734	Écosse
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A partir du 1^{et} janvier 1972, la Direction du Régime d'assistance publique se chargea également de l'examen médical des requérants et des bénéficiaires, responsabilité qui incombait auparavant à l'ancienne Direction généfale des services de santé du Ministère. Les examens médicaux étaient effectués par des oculistes employés et rémunérés par le gouvernement fédéral.

En 1980-1981, les paiements fédéraux en vertu de la Loi sur les aveugles s'élevaient à \$166,993. En outre, la province du Québec reçut \$44,084 au terme de la Loi de 1977 sur les accords fiscaux entre le gouvernement fédéral et les provinces et sur le financement des programmes établis. Au 31 mars 1981, dernier mois de la participation fédérale prévue par la Loi, le nombre des bénéficiaires était de 413.

Au cours des vingt-neuf années pendant lesquelles la Loi fut en vigueur, environ 21 525 personnes reçurent des allocations, et la participation fédérale totale, aux paiements faits par les provinces, y compris le Québec, s'élevait à \$84,642,460. Un supplément d'information statistique est présenté dans les tableaux ci-joints.

Modifications à la Loi

css. prévalues de cette possibilité, ce qui explique la diminution du nombre de provinces, sauf l'Ile-du-Prince-Édouard et la Nouvelle-Écosse, se sont avaient droit à des prestations équivalentes ou supérieures. Toutes les bénéficiaires à un programme établi en vertu du Régime si ces derniers accepter les demandes d'allocations pour aveugles et de transférer les des accords sur le Régime d'assistance publique du Canada, de ne plus modification, adoptée en juillet 1966, permettait aux provinces signataires le maximum de revenu annuel permis se voyait aussi augmenté. La sixième ler février 1962 et enfin, à \$75 le 1^{er} décembre 1963. A chaque fois 1957, puillet 1957, puis à \$55 le 1^{er} novembre 1957, à \$65 le augmentaient le maximum d'allocation mensuelle; il passait de \$46 à \$46 le annuel permis, y compris l'allocation. Les quatre modifications suivantes passer l'âge admissible de 21 à 18 ans et augmentait le maximum de revenu vigueur en 1952. La première modification apportée le 28 juin 1955, faisait La Loi sur les aveugles a été modifiée six fois depuis sa mise en

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Dispositions de la Loi sur les aveugles

La Loi sur les aveugles, sanctionnée le 30 juin 1951, prévoyait une quote-part fédérale, en vertu d'accords, de 75 p. 100 des sommes dépensées par les provinces au titre d'allocations aux bénéficiaires en vertu de lois Les provinces versaient les allocations aux bénéficiaires en vertu de lois provinciales, tout en respectant les dispositions de la Loi fédérale.

La Loi limitait à \$75 par mois le montant maximum que le gouvernement du Canada pouvait partager. Le revenu maximum permis par la Loi, y compris non mariée et sans enfant à charge, de \$1,980 par an pour une personne non mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne non personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le conjoint personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le conjoint personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le conjoint personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le conjoint personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le conjoint personne mariée et de \$2,700 par an pour une personne mariée dont le confants.

Les provinces et les territoires ont été avisés en janvier 1971 que les accords signés avec le Canada en vertu de la Loi sur les aveugles prendraient fin le 1er février 1981 conformément aux dispositions de l'article 9(1) de la Loi.

Administration

Les allocations aux aveugles sont versées aux bénéficiaires en vertu de lois provinciales et d'ordonnances territoriales qui doivent satisfaire à la définition de "loi provinciale" dans la loi fédérale. Les autorités provinciales responsables de l'administration des allocations aux aveugles relèvent des ministères provinciaux de bien-être.

En 1966, la Direction du Régime d'assistance publique du Canada, de la Direction générale des programmes de service social, assumait la responsabilité de l'examen des décisions et des comptes des provinces en ce qui concerne le paiement aux provinces de la part du fédéral pour les allocations. Avant cette date, cette fonction relevait de la Division de la sécurité de la vieillesse, de la Direction générale du Bien-être du Ministère.



L'honorable Monique Bégin Ministre de la Santé nationale et du Bien-être social

Madame le Ministre,

Conformément à l'article 12 de la Loi sur les aveugles, j'ai l'honneur de vous présenter le Rapport annuel sur l'application de cette Loi pour l'année financière terminée le 31 mars 1981,

Veuillez agréer, madame le Ministre, l'assurance de mes sentiments dévoués.

Le Sous-ministre de la Santé nationale et du Bien-être social,

J.L. Fry



Son Excellence Le très honorable E.R. Schreyer Gouverneur général et Commandant en chef du Canada

QU'IL PLAISE À VOTRE EXCELLENCE

J'ai l'honneur de présenter à Votre Excellence le Rapport annuel sur l'application de la Loi sur les aveugles pour l'année financière terminée le 31 mars 1981.

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Le ministre de la Santé nationale et du Bien-être social,

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